

BEST VEHICLES THAT NEVER WERE

...or never had a chance to be.

This is a collection of vehicles and aircraft which were never more than prototypes, developmental vehicles, drawing-board designs that never made it off the drawing board, or are purely fictional. Some of the real proposals (as opposed to purely fictional ones) may yet make it into service one day, and others probably never will; others may make it into service, but not in quite their proposed forms. Only time will tell...

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F-16F Scamp

Country of Origin: United States

Type of Aircraft: Fighter/Bomber

Notes: Though based on a real experimental aircraft, this is a work of fiction. (There is, in fact, an F-16E and F-16F -- they are fairly recent developments of the F-16 series. *This F-16F is not the real-life F-16F.*)

Fictional Notes: This was originally an experimental development of the F-16C Fighting Falcon. These aircraft were produced to equip one USAF squadron of aircraft stationed in England, and it was this type of aircraft that the Twilight War's highest scoring ace, Captain Pamela Wagner, piloted to 49 kills before being shot down over Poland in 1999. The Scamp uses more powerful engine coupled with a large-area cranked arrow wing, and carries more electronics and fuel. The Scamp may be overloaded to 8.76 tons if 600 liters less fuel are carried per 450 kg extra weight carried. The aircraft has a large number of hardpoints, 2 of which may be used only for electronics pods, two of which may be used only for air-to-air missiles or electronics pods, and 6 of which may only be used for air-to-air missiles.

The F-16F Scamp does not exist in the Merc 2000 timeline.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$7,957,688	AvG	6.8 tons (see text)	21.77 tons	1	30	Radar, VAS	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling
5023	1256 (90)	NA 314 10/6 100/60	7440	960	19800

Combat Equipment	Minimum Landing/Takeoff Zone	RF	Armament	Ammo
All Weather Flight, HUD, Look-Down Radar, Track While Scan, Auto Track, Multitarget (4), Terrain Following Radar, Radar Warning Receiver, Flare/Chaff Dispensers, ECM, IR Uncage, Target ID	750/480m Hardened Runway	+5	20mm Vulcan, 25 Hardpoints	500x20mm

F-19A Ghost rider

Country of Origin: United States

Type of Aircraft: Stealth Attack Aircraft

Notes: The first I heard of this "aircraft" was in the Tom Clancy book *Red Storm Rising*. His Ghost rider was based upon what the rumored capabilities of the F-117A Nighthawk were at the time (early 1980s), to include the designation "F-19A." (The moniker "Ghost rider" was Mr. Clancy's own invention.) Most of these rumored capabilities, as well of the appearance of the F-117A, were simply wrong. JD Webster's *Air Superiority* series of games fleshed out these rumored capabilities.

Fictional Notes: This stealth aircraft, rumored but rarely seen, is a second-generation stealth aircraft used by the US for reconnaissance and attack of highly defended targets. It was rarely flown from base to base for security reasons, but was often delivered to bases inside a C-5 Galaxy cargo aircraft. The aircraft has flat bottom, blended wings, advanced ECM, and construction of radar-absorbent materials. Weapons are carried in internal bays and do not contribute to drag. The aircraft's stealth features mean that attempts to guide radar missiles, as well as attempts to detect it with radar, are four levels more difficult. (If a weapon bay is open, attempts are two levels more difficult.) Attempts to detect it with IR, and guide IR missiles to it, are three levels more difficult. Unlike the F-117A, the F-19A has an air-to-air capability.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$13,519,570	AvG	2.95 tons	35 tons	1	36	Radar, Image Intensification, FLIR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling
2108	527 (185)	NA 132 5/4 50/40	4800	8647	18300

Combat Equipment	Minimum Landing/Takeoff Zone	RF	Armament	Ammo
Radar Warning Receiver, Flare/Chaff Dispensers, ECM, Auto Track, HUD, IR Uncage, Look-Down Radar, Terrain Following Radar, Track While Scan, Target ID	1200/1500m Primitive Runway	+5	20mm Vulcan, 6 Weapon Bays	600x20mm

F-29 Wildcat II

Country of Origin: United States

Type of Aircraft: Fighter/Bomber

Note: Though based on a real experimental aircraft (the X-29), this is a work of fiction, something I made up myself. I based

the capabilities partially on some air combat computer games, partially on a fictional aircraft developed (believe or not) on a toy aircraft made for the GI Joe series of toys, and partially on the projected capabilities of a combat version of such a design, and partially on real-life capabilities of the X-29.

Fictional Notes: (for Twilight 2000 Only) This was the result of a militarized experimental aircraft, the X-29. It is a radical design with wings swept sharply forward, a deliberately destabilized center of balance, and canards at the front. As the X-29 development program and its militarization were a bit further along when production was ordered, the F-29 has a bit more bells and whistles than the F-31, and more of them were built (about 40). Though some were sighted in the skies of Europe, most of them never made it out of North America, where they were one of the most dangerous adversaries of the Mexicans, Cubans, and Russians. They cannot quite match the maneuverability of the F-31, but are larger aircraft able to carry more stores and fuel.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$8,117,262	AvG	5.58 tons	23.38 tons	1	30	Radar, VAS	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc	Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling
3840	960 (110)	NA 240	12/7 120/70	3160	6589	16764

Combat Equipment	Minimum Landing/Takeoff Zone	RF	Armament	Ammo
All Weather Flight, HUD Interface, Track While Scan, Auto Track, Multitarget (3), Radar Warning Receiver, Look-Down Radar, Flare/Chaff Dispensers (20), ECM, IR Uncage, Target ID, Laser Designator	800/530m Hardened Runway	+5	20mm Vulcan Autocannon, 7 Hardpoints	720x20mm

F-31 Vector

Country of Origin: United States

Type of Aircraft: Air Superiority Fighter

Notes: Though based on a real experimental aircraft (the X-31), this is a work of fiction. The story of how I made up the F-31 is basically the same as that of the F-29, above.

Fictional Notes: (Twilight 2000 Only) This aircraft was developed as a war emergency measure from the X-31 EFM (Enhanced Flight Maneuverability) prototypes that were flying at Edwards Air Force Base, California. The main attribute of the Vector is its ability to fly with stability at very high angles of attack, done with a combination of thrust vectoring, advanced fly-by-wire controls, and deliberate destabilization along with computer-aided controls. The result is an aircraft that very often outmaneuvers its pilot; occasional GLOC (G-induced Loss of Consciousness) is a factor that pilots of the Vector figure in when flying their aircraft in its most extreme maneuvers. It is one of only two aircraft with enough maneuverability to successfully execute the Herbst Angle of Attack maneuver (also known as the J-Turn), where the aircraft uses a deliberate sudden stall to radically change the aircraft's direction of flight without an accompanying reduction of engine power levels. It is also capable of flying at up to 75 degrees of angle of attack. The Vectors built after the order was given by the Department of Defense never made it out of North America during the Twilight War, but Mexican and Cuban pilots, and Russian pilots flying over Alaska were known to curse its very existence, as the F-31 eventually racked up a 28-to-1 kill ratio, a ratio that might have been higher were there more aircraft over North America to shoot down.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$6,821,976	AvG	3.86 tons	11.09 tons	1	21	Radar, VAS	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc	Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling
3185	796 (110)	NA 199	14/7 140/70	2364	6769	12200

Combat Equipment	Minimum Landing/Takeoff Zone	RF	Armament	Ammo
All Weather Flight, HUD Interface, Track While Scan, Auto Track, Multitarget (2), Radar Warning Receiver, Flare/Chaff Dispensers, ECM, IR Uncage, Target ID, Laser Designator	735/485m Hardened Runway	+4	20mm Vulcan, 7 Hardpoints	740x20mm

MiG-35 Falroth

Country of Manufacture: Russia/Soviet Union

Aircraft Type: Fighter/Bomber

Notes: Though based on a real experimental aircraft (the MiG 1.44), this treatment is a work of fiction (done by yours truly). Russia would dearly love to build a fighter based on the MiG 1.44, but may never have the money to do it.

Fictional Notes: This multirole fighter was rumored as early as the early 1990s, but its existence was not confirmed until the Twilight War. It is a twin-tailed "double-delta" design, with a large wing and canard foreplanes. It is a very advanced stealth design with good air-to-air and air-to-ground capabilities. The Falroth is 3 levels harder to detect with radar or guide weapons to it with radar, and two levels harder to detect or guide weapons with radar. The internal weapon bay is normally taken up with air-to-air weapons, but it is large and can hold up to 1.5 tons. Unfortunately, development was long and expensive, and until just before the Twilight War, there were no plans to mass-produce the MiG-35; therefore, numbers of the MiG-35 were limited to less than 75 copies. Popular nicknames in the West were "ATFski" and "Raptor Killer."

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$14,832,032	AvG	5 tons	31.75 tons	1	32	Radar, FLIR, VAS	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc	Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling
7334*	1224 (110)	NA 306	11/7 110/70	6625	13317	17000

Combat Equipment	Minimum Landing/Takeoff Zone	RF	Armament	Ammo
All-Weather Flight, Radar Warning Receiver, Flare/Chaff Dispensers, ECM, Auto Track, HUD, IR Uncage, Look-Down Radar, Track while Scan, Active Jamming, Laser Designator, Target ID, Multitarget (4)	600/430m Hardened Runway	+4	30mm-3 Autocannon, 1 Weapon Bay, 8 hardpoints	330x30mm

*The MiG-35 is supercruise-capable.

MiG-37 Ferret

Country of Manufacture: Russia/Soviet Union

Aircraft Type: Stealth Attack Aircraft

Notes: Though there have long been rumors of a "Russian Stealth Fighter," the "MiG-37 Ferret" I used to come up with these statistics was actually the product of the imaginations of designers at Revell, a manufacturer of model airplanes.

Fictional Notes: The MiG-37's existence was not confirmed until the Twilight War, though there were rumors of overflights in China, Alaska, and the Middle East as early as 1992. It is a first-generation stealth aircraft, as the US F-117A. The aircraft's fuselage, like the F-117, is composed of facets designed to reflect radar away instead of back to its source. The exhaust is cooled through a thermal brick system and by auxiliary inlets in the rear. Attempts to detect through radar or guide radar-guided missiles to it are three levels more difficult than normal; attempts to detect it by IR sources (including Passive IR, Active IR, FLIR, or Thermal Imaging) are two levels more difficult than normal. If a weapon bay door is open, improve radar chances against it by two levels. The Ferret uses weapon bays that do not expose its weapons to radar emissions. This aircraft is a bit larger and more powerful than the F-117A, and it is possible that spies got information from the Nighthawk program. It was never known how many of these aircraft the Russians had, since they were used only against high-value targets and taken from base to base in An-124 Condor aircraft. They were rarely encountered during the Twilight War, however, and mostly used for reconnaissance. Unlike the F-117A, the Ferret does have an air-to-air capability.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$8,708,501	AvG	2.2 tons	23.99 tons	1	36	FLIR, Radar	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc	Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling
2668	667 (140)	NA 167	4/2 40/20	4500	5374	17000

Combat Equipment	Minimum Landing/Takeoff Zone	RF	Armament	Ammo
Radar Warning Receiver, Flare/Chaff Dispensers, ECM, IRCM, HUD, Look-Down Radar, Terrain-Following Radar	1300/1600m Primitive Runway	+4	30mm Autocannon, 4 Weapons Bays	400x30mm

R-5D

Country of Origin: United States

Type of Aircraft: Multirole Stealth Aircraft

Notes: This is a work of fiction, as far as I know...It is based on the various rumors of the Aurora's capabilities.

Fictional Notes: (Twilight 2000) This hypersonic fighter/reconnaissance aircraft was rumored for over a decade before the Twilight War, but its existence was not confirmed until many years after it. Known by many designations and names over the years, such as Senior Citizen, Senior Trend, Senior Ice, Grandfather, XR-7, Darkstar Mike, Darkstar November, and SR-91; but perhaps the name it was known to the most people was "Aurora." It never officially had any assigned name, and even the designation R-

5D was simply made up in order to call the aircraft something. The R-5D was high-speed scramjet-powered aircraft primarily designed for long-range strategic reconnaissance, but also with a limited role as an interceptor and air interdiction vehicle; details are still sketchy, but R-5D aircraft are believed to be responsible for several mysterious aerial intercepts of aircraft over Russia and the Middle East, including the shoot-downs of the aircraft of the Russian President in 1999, mysterious downings of almost a dozen enemy AWACS aircraft in critical areas, and the "Nuclear Warhead From Nowhere" that destroyed the North Korean 22nd Tank Division while located near the Chinese border in 1997. It is described as an "extreme stealth" aircraft, virtually invisible to most means of detection; it is 4 levels harder to detect by radar or IR methods or to guide weapons to it by these methods. Due to an experimental light-absorbing paint job, it is even one level harder to detect by visual means. However, the R-5D is known to make a distinctive double-bang noise when it is in the vicinity, and this sound is 50% likely to be heard when the R-5D is within 50 kilometers. Though it takes very specific atmospheric conditions, R-5D are also known to leave a distinctive "doughnuts-on-a-rope" contrail, a set of contrail rings connected by a slim, though conventional contrail. Though the R-5D could burn regular jet fuel, best performance was achieved on a liquid hydrogen/methane mix, and speed is limited to one half the values below unless the special fuel is used. The only external hardpoints are for drop tanks; if these tanks are carried, all speeds are limited to one-half the maximum speeds, and stealth efficacy if reduced by two levels. The remaining stores are kept in weapons bays. It is not believed that any R-5Ds were shot down, though 2 were lost in accidents before the war; a total of 6 are known for sure to have been built, though there may have been as many as twice this number in existence.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$23,028,004	AvG, or H/M	3.83 tons	32.5 tons	2	80	Radar, LIDAR, FLIR, VAS	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling
(H/M) 6600, (AvG) 3300	(H/M) 1650, (AvG) 825, (175)	NA (H/M) 413/(AvG) 207 5/4 50/40	20400	(H/M) 23520, (AvG) 47040	40000

Combat Equipment	Minimum Landing/Takeoff Zone	RF	Armament	Ammo
Radar Warning Receiver, Flare/Chaff Dispensers, HUD Interface, IR Uncage, Look-Down Radar, Auto Track, Track While Scan, Target ID, ECM, IRCM, All-Weather Flight, Satcom Radio, Secure Radios, Deception Jamming, Laser Designator, ELINT Gear	2800/1500m Hardened Runway	+5	2 Hardpoints (Drop Tanks Only), 6 Weapon Bays	None

Su-47 Flatfoot

Country of Manufacture: Russia/Soviet Union

Aircraft Type: Fighter/Bomber

Note: Though based on a real experimental aircraft (the S-37 Berkut), this treatment is a work of fiction. Whether or not the Russians will ever have the money to take the Berkut out of what is basically an advanced prototype stage is anybody's guess, though they have already assigned the designation "Su-47" to any possible future production version, and Sukhoi is reportedly working hard to come up with the money to make a production version a reality.

Fictional Notes: Known to the Russians as the Berkut (Golden Eagle), the Su-47 was a mysterious aircraft until late in the Twilight War, with isolated sightings being made here and there in encounters that were usually to the detriment of NATO or Coalition pilots. Mostly employed in Europe, some Berkuts were encountered in the Middle East, and there were even a few reported over Alaska and western Canada. Estimates of the total number available to the Russians range from about 10 to over 25. Captain Pamela Wagner, the Twilight War's highest-scoring ace, claims that a tangle with a Berkut led to her being downed over Poland in August of 1999. The Berkut is a radical design that draws from stolen data on the X-29 program in the US, using composite construction, swept forward wings, and an unstable configuration controlled by computers. The Su-47 has an internal weapon bay that can carry 1.5 tons. The fuselage is a modified Su-37 Flanker series, and thrust vectoring has been added to the exhaust. The Berkut has a RAM (Radar-Absorbent Material) coating to its fuselage that gives a one level detriment to attempts to detect or guide radar weapons to it. Avionics are perhaps the most advanced of any applied to a Russian fighter. The Su-47 has been reported flying in angles of attack of up to 70 degrees, and is capable of extremely difficult maneuvers such as Pougachev's Cobra and the Herbst Angle of Attack Maneuver. All in all, the Su-47 was a fighter much dreaded by Western pilots, and thankfully, not often seen. The four conformal underfuselage hardpoints may only be used for air-to-air missiles; the two on the wingtips may only be used for air-to-air missiles or electronics pods.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$15,357,864	AvG	8 tons	34 tons	1	48	Radar, FLIR, VAS	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling

4976

1244 (110)

NA 311 13/8 130/80

13860

14666

18000

Combat Equipment

Minimum
Landing/Takeoff
Zone

RF

Armament

Ammo

All-Weather Flight, Radar Warning Receiver, Flare/Chaff
 Dispensers (20), ECM, Auto Track, HUD Interface, Look-
 Down Radar, IR Uncage, Track While Scan, Secure
 Radios, Multitarget (6), Target ID, IR Suppression, VG
 Nozzles, Active Jamming

1200/750m Hardened
 Runway

+4

GSh-301 30mm-3
 Autocannon, 1
 Weapon Bay, 14
 Hardpoints

150x30mm

BMD Weapons Carrier

Country of Origin Russia (Soviet Union)

Real World/Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it was made up by the good people at GDW. In *Merc 2000*, the conditions that led to its creation did not exist.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The BMD Weapons Carrier is the same vehicle as the BMD-1 but with the turret removed. Two AGS-17 grenade launchers are on either side of the space where the turret used to be, and two PK machinegun mounts have been fitted, one on the bow firing forward and another on the rear deck firing to the rear. The driver's hatch is still on the front deck, and the place where the turret was is now open-topped.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$87,657	D, A	1 ton	8.5 tons	4+6	6	Active/Passive IR	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
181/127	40/25/5	300	89	Std	T4	HF8 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	2xAGS-17, 2xPKT	180x30mm Grenades, 2000x7.62mm

BMP-40

Country of Origin: Poland

Notes: As of 2008, this is still being shopped around and is not in production or service.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The BMP-40 was a rushed project of the Polish military in 1997 to produce an armored personnel carrier that could be used for a multitude of tasks (air defense, personnel escort, etc.). The basic frame was patterned on the BMP-1, which the Polish military had quantities of to examine and use as a test bed for the BMP-40. The primary cannon was copied from the Swedish CV 9040 vehicle. Because it uses the Swedish 40mm cannon the turret is a larger model than seen on the BMP-1; as such, the overall troop capacity is reduced from 8 to 6. Wartime models were seen with mounts using AGS-17 grenade launchers and/or AT-5 Spandrel ATGM weapons. The Steel Works of Stalow Wola was the primary manufacturer of this design, and allied air bombing of this facility hurt production of the BMP-40. As such only some 70 models are known to have been produced prior to the November nuclear strikes. Some models are reported to have been equipped with lugs for explosive reactive armor (TF, TS, HF, HS), and some have been equipped with appliqué armor similar to that of other BMP models. The ammunition for the 40mm gun was patterned after the 40mm Swedish ammunition, but was often difficult to obtain during the war amidst other Pact vehicles.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$276,465	D, G, AvG, A	1.5 tons	15.4 tons	3+6	7	Passive IR, Image Intensification (for gunner)	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
99/69	20/15/2	460	97	Trtd	T2	TF6 TS5 TR5 HF8 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+1	Good	40mm Polish autocannon, AT-5 launcher, PKT, AGS-17 (C)	230x40mm, 6xAT-5 ATGM, 2000x7.62L, 200x30mm grenades

BWP-2000

Country of Origin: Poland

Notes: The BWP-2000 is a heavily armed IFV based on an MT-S tracked prime mover chassis and an Italian-designed turret and an autocannon of Israeli design. The hull and turret are all-welded, with no rivets to pop loose when the vehicle is hit. Lugs for ERA are fitted to the HF, HS, TF, and TS. The driver is at the front left, and the commander and gunner have hatches on the turret roof. Image intensification is provided for the commander, thermal imaging for the gunner, and passive IR for the driver.

The commander also has a monitor to his front to see what the gunner sees in his thermal sight. TOW II missiles were obtained from Italy and copied, then fitted to the turret, which is a modified form of the turret mounted on the VCC-80 IFV. The rear of the vehicle has a power ramp with a hatch in it, and there are two large circular hatches in the troop compartment roof. Two firing ports are on each side of the vehicle. As of 2000, this vehicle is still a prototype and there are no plans to produce it.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$406,742	D, A	1.5 tons	29 tons	3+8	12	Passive IR, Image Intensification, Thermal	Shielded

Imaging

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor					
84/59	20/15/2	705	143	Trtd	T4	TF22	TS8	TR6	HF27	HS10	HR8
Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament				Ammunition					
+4	Good	60mm HVMS, 2xTOW II Launchers, PKT				180x60mm, 4xTOW II ATGM, 2000x7.62N					

Cobra

Country of Origin: Belgium

Notes: This small tracked APC was not adopted by any country, but I included it here as a “what-if.” It is similar in concept to carriers such as the M-113, being a “bare box” sort of APC. It does have some interesting features, such as the positions for two drivers in the front hull to help relieve driver fatigue. They both have a bow-mounted machinegun to fire when they are not driving. In addition, there are three launchers on each side of the glacis for Mecar rifle grenades; these are not usable for direct fire, but may be launched in the indirect fire mode. The vehicle has a small turret on top mounting an M-2HB machinegun and twin 101mm rocket launchers. There is a hatch in the roof to the rear of the turret for reloading the rocket launchers. The interior is very cramped, especially when carrying a full complement of infantrymen. The infantrymen enter through a door in the rear of the hull.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$132,270	D, A	800 kg	6.5 tons	3+9	4	Passive IR	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor		
153/107	36/25/4	260	48	CiH	T2	HF3	HS2	HR2

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament			Ammunition		
+1	None	M-2HB, 2x101mm Rocket Launchers, 6xRifle Grenade Launchers (Bow), 2xMAG (Bow)			500x.50, 4x101mm Rockets, 12xMecar Rifle Grenades, 500x7.62mm		

Experimental Bradleys

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: Almost on the heels of the introduction of the Bradley, studies began to upgrade the firepower of the Bradley. These studies were based on what the perceived opposition on the European battlefield would be at the time – and the belief that the BMP series was more heavily protected than was actually true. (It turned out that the 25mm M-242 ChainGun, especially with advancements in ammunition technology in the intervening years, would prove to be much more effective than thought – Desert Storm and Iraq have showed that the M-242 is actually a pretty effective weapon, even against some tanks and fortifications.)

One of the first of these experimental up-gunned vehicles was based on the M-2 Bradley, under the CVASt (Combat Vehicle Armament System Technology) program. A 35mm ARES Talon autocannon (originally designed for the Eagle air defense system, but with new ammunition, adapted for armored vehicles) was installed in a new cleft turret; this essentially split the turret into two parts, with the commander on the left side and the gunner on the right. The cleft turret was used to get around what would otherwise be an unacceptable rise in the height of the already-tall Bradley profile. The cleft turret also allowed the M-2 CVASt to lower the height of the vehicle by over half a meter, making it short enough to be air-transported in a C-130 aircraft. The cleft turret was additionally better-protected than a standard Bradley turret, and had wedge-shaped sides all around the turret. The interior was designed to minimize the vulnerability of the turret crew (in particular, in the case of a turret penetration on one side of the turret). The TOW box was modified to allow it to be used with the wedge-shaped side; it was in the same position as a standard Bradley, on the right side, but it did not pivot up and down except for loading (and pivoted only 45 degrees for loading). The fire control systems were essentially the same as those on a standard M-2 Bradley, but better-stabilized. The hull of the M-2 CVASt was essentially unchanged, except for minimal modifications necessary to mount the new turret. The M-2 CVASt proved to be an excellent vehicle that the testing crews raved about, but Pentagon interest had already moved on to a new autocannon using newly-developed CTA (Case-Telescoped Ammunition) under the COMVAT program (see below).

The COMVAT (Combat Vehicle Armament Technology) program was also based primarily on the chassis of the M-2 (though a few used the M-2A1 chassis), but unlike the CVASt turret, the COMVAT turret was a partially-modified version of the standard Bradley turret instead of a new turret. The COMVAT turret modifications centered around the new main gun, which used new CTA (Case-Telescoped Ammunition). The COMVAT's CTA (developed by ARES) uses a payload assembly that is seated entirely within the cartridge case; when the round is fired, a small booster charge is first ignited to propel the payload assembly a short ways into the gun barrel, at which point a combustible-case main propellant charge did the main work of sending the round to the target. A CTA cartridge is therefore lighter and more compact than standard ammunition, allowing a vehicle to carry more rounds for its main gun. The gun, also designed by ARES, uses a rotating breech, simplifies the gun's mechanism, making it more reliable and increasing the cyclic rate of fire (though not enough to increase the ROF by the *Twilight 2000 v2.2* rules; the ROF would end up to be about 6). The initial CTA gun used 30mm ammunition, but this was quickly up-gunned to 45mm, and later a gun that could be

switched between 45mm and 60mm with a barrel change and the change of a few other parts. A few versions of Bradley COMVATs were also tested with casemate turrets, with the commander and gunner seated inside the vehicle behind the gunner. In the end, the primary stumbling block seem to have been the lack of desire on the part of the Army's supply system to introduce a new family of ammunition, and the Pentagon's lack of desire to pay for it. However, rumors are that the gun is still being experimented with.

Some less drastic firepower upgrades were also proposed, using larger versions of the M-242 Bushmaster ChainGun already used on the Bradley. Most of the experiments with these up-gunned Bradleys were based on the M-2A2 chassis and turret. The 30mm Bushmaster II weighs little more than the M-242 and can be installed in a Bradley turret with almost no modification. Though not tested, the 35mm Bushmaster III, the 40mm Bushmaster IV, and the 50mm Bushmaster SuperShot were also proposed for the Bradley. All but the 30mm gun would have required a great degree of turret and vehicle modifications – not because of the gun itself, but to with the increased need for ammunition stowage and the increased weight of this stowage and the ammunition itself. The proposals for up-gunning the Bradley using these ChainGuns were rejected not only on a cost basis, but due to experience in Desert Storm and Iraq that showed the M-242 was more effective than previously thought.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
M-2 CVASt	\$283,093	D, A	1.7 tons	23.7 tons	3+6	8	Passive IR (D), Thermal Imaging (G+C)	Shielded
M-2 COMVAT 1	\$282,366	D, A	1.7 tons	23.3 tons	3+7	8	Passive IR (D), Thermal Imaging (G+C)	Shielded
M-2 COMVAT 2	\$287,760	D, A	1.6 tons	26.2 tons	3+7	8	Passive IR (D), Thermal Imaging (G+C)	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor*
M-2 CVASt	130/97	27/22/3	746	134	Trtd	T4	TF6 TS6 TR4 HF8 HS4Sp HR4
M-2 COMVAT 1	131/98	28/22/3	746	132	Trtd	T4	TF6 TS6 TR4 HF8 HS4Sp HR4
M-2 COMVAT 2	124/93	26/21/3	746	139	Trtd	T4	TF6 TS6 TR4 HF8 HS4Sp HR4

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
M-2 CVASt	+1	Fair	35mm ARES CTA, M-240C, 2xTOW II Launchers, 6xM-231 PFW	700x35mm, 2200x7.62mm, 7xTOW II, 3070x5.56mm
M-2 COMVAT 1	+2	Fair	30mm ARES CTA, M-240C, 2xTOW II Launchers, 2xM-231 PFW	825x30mm, 2200x7.62mm, 7xTOW II, 3070x5.56mm
M-2 COMVAT 2	+2	Fair	45mm ARES CTA, M-240C, 2xTOW II Launchers, 2xM-231 PFW	550x45mm, 2200x7.62mm, 7xTOW II, 3070x5.56mm

*Floor armor for these vehicles is 5.

Landmaster

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This is the vehicle featured in the movie *Damnation Alley*, but there is no real vehicle except for Hollywood wizardry.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Designed for survival in the most hostile of elements, the Landmaster was a limited-production vehicle designed by USAF Missile Command in late 1998 using locally available components. The base chassis is a heavy truck, and the Landmaster uses a unique "trinary" wheel suspension. Each of the axles is connected to a pair of three roadwheel sets, with two of the set touching the ground. As the front-most wheel of the set contacts an insurmountable obstacle, it flips to the rear and over the obstacle, therefore bypassing it. This leads to high off-road speeds for a vehicle of its size, and the ability to overcome a vertical obstacle of over 1 meter in size.

The Landmaster is equipped with a dual control system, much like an airplane cabin. Control of the vehicle may be made by one or both of these controls, depending on the requirements of the terrain and weather. The vehicle is equipped with at least three military and one civilian "CB" radio. The vehicle is equipped with night vision for the forward cabin and the gunner's position. The Landmaster is equipped with both ground surveillance and ground-to-air radar. There is an external video camera and a shotgun microphone, as well as a PA system. The video equipment can use the night vision gear. The vehicle has a complete navigation suite, from simple downloadable computerized maps to inertial navigation and GPS. There are bunks for half the crew to sleep in at once, a small galley, a large refrigerator and freezer, an internal latrine, and a shower, fed by a 400-liter water tank. Also included are a water filtration system for decontaminating and desalinating local water, the equivalent of three

doctor's medical bags, and a complete set of tools, including an air compressor and a welding and cutting set.

The Landmaster has a large hatch in the front and rear deck, hatches on either side of the forward cabin, and a large hatch in the rear. The rockets used in the forward rocket launchers are the same as used in the M-67 recoilless rifle, but the rocket launchers are magazine-fed. The weapons can be controlled either from a gunner's position or from the forward cabin.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$635,813	D, G, AvG, A	1.5 tons	42 tons	2+8	13	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification, Radar, Sonar	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
154/92	35/25/4	900	240	CiH	W(8)	TF3 TS3 TR3 HF12Sp HS6Sp HR5

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	2x7-round Hydra-70 launchers, 2xM-67 recoilless rifles (F), MAG (F), 2xMAG (S), MAG (R)	14xHydra-70 rockets, 16x90mm rockets, 6000x7.62mm

M-2A3 Bradley III

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life. There is in fact going to be (or already is by now) a version of the Bradley known as the M-2A3, but this is *not* it. This version was made up by the *Twilight 2000* designers at GDW, though I have come up with more back story.

Twilight 2000 Notes: In late 1995, as existing M-2 and M-2A1 Bradleys in US service began to be gathered and replaced by M-2A2s, TACOM fitted the older Bradleys with a new turret and appliqué armor. Fire control was also improved. In many cases, components designed for the M-2A2 were actually retrofitted to the M-2A3. Lugs were added for reactive armor to the HS and F faces of the vehicle.

These modified Bradleys were designated M-2A3, and were then reissued to replace battle losses in Europe, the Middle East, and Korea. However, the lion's share of these new variants were issued to units fighting the Mexicans and Russians in the American Southwest, Pacific Northwest, and Alaska, due to problems with transporting them to farther locales. In the M-2A3, the standard turret is replaced with one mounting twin Hellfire ATGMs instead of the standard TOW II launchers, one launcher on each side of the turret. Three subtypes of the M-2A3 were built: The M-2A3E1, with a standard 25mm ChainGun; the M-2A3E2, with a 30mm ChainGun, and the M-2A3E3, armed with a 35mm ChainGun.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist in the Merc 2000 timeline.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$372,268	D, A	1.5 tons	36.89 tons	3+7	12	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
121/84	25/20/2	662	174	Trtd	T4	TF11Sp TS11Sp TR6Sp HF13 HS8Sp HR6

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	25mm, 30mm, or 35mm ChainGun, MAG, 2xHellfire ATGM Launchers, 2xM-231	900x25mm or 750x30mm or 640x35mm, 2200x7.62N, 5xHellfire ATGM, 5040x5.56N

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
M-2A3E1	\$414,018	D, A	1.5 tons	33.42 tons	3+7	14	Passive IR (D), Thermal Imaging (G+C)	Shielded
M-2A3E2	\$436,082	D, A	1.5 tons	33.49 tons	3+7	15	Passive IR (D), Thermal Imaging (G+C)	Shielded
M-2A3E2	\$457,626	D, A	1.5 tons	33.56 tons	3+7	16	Passive IR (D), Thermal Imaging (G+C)	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor*
M-2A3E1	116/87	25/19	662	149	Trtd	T4	TF11Sp TS11Sp TR6Sp HF13 HS8Sp HR6
M-2A3E2	116/87	25/19	662	149	Trtd	T4	TF11Sp TS11Sp TR6Sp HF13

M-2A3E3	116/87	25/19	662	149	Trtd	T4	HS8Sp HR6 TF11Sp TS11Sp TR6Sp HF13 HS8Sp HR6
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Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
M-2A3E1	+4	Good	25mm ChainGun, M-240C, 2xHellfire ATGM Launchers, 2xM-231	900x25mm, 2200x7.62mm, 5xHellfire ATGM, 1025x5.56mm
M-2A3E2	+4	Good	30mm ChainGun, M-240C, 2xHellfire ATGM Launchers, 2xM-231	750x25mm, 2200x7.62mm, 5xHellfire ATGM, 1025x5.56mm
M-2A3E3	+4	Good	35mm ChainGun, M-240C, 2xHellfire ATGM Launchers, 2xM-231	640x25mm, 2200x7.62mm, 5xHellfire ATGM, 1025x5.56mm

*Floor armor for the M-2A3 Bradley III is 7.

M-113: US Experimental Variants

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: These are experimental APC versions of the M-113 built by the US. Some existed only on the drawing board, some were built only as prototypes or demonstrators, and some almost made it into production, only to be cut at the last moment or be overtaken by new technology.

Stretched M-113A1

Based on the M-113A1, the Stretched M-113A1 was designed primarily as a combat resupply vehicle, with the increased interior room to be used for cargo. However, lengthened versions of the standard passenger seats were installed down the sides, and another secondary consideration was to use the Stretched M-113A1 as a forward command post vehicle or as a prime mover for towed artillery pieces. The Stretched M-113A1 was extended in length over half a meter, adding some 2 cubic meters of cargo space. In addition, the suspension was beefed up, nearly doubling the cargo capacity, and the Stretched M-113A1 had seven roadwheels on each side. The rear deck cargo hatch was also enlarged and turned into a two-piece unit; these hatches hinge upwards in the middle, and include overhead cover supported by poles to form overhead cover/sunshade. The rear hatch was also slightly enlarged. The Stretched M-113A1 did not go into production, but the concept would appear again in the early 1990s as the MTVL (based on the M-113A3), and several prototypes were built for evaluation.

XM-734 MICV

Also known as the MICV-65, the XM-734 was one of the first steps on the road to the M-2/M-3 Bradley. The XM-734, though visibly based on the M-113A1, was also visibly quite different. The first step was to allow the infantrymen to fight from inside armor protection. Four sets of firing ports were installed on the right side, and three on the left (due to the fuel tank positioning); two more were installed in the rear ramp, one of which was in the door. Firing ports could accept standard M-16A1s, M-1911 pistols, or the M-3A1 submachinegun. Armor protection was increased somewhat with sheet steel appliqué. A more powerful 260-horsepower was installed, along with a matching transmission. The conventional commander's station was replaced with a small turret; several armament configurations were tried, but the last and most heavily-armed variant used an M-139 20mm autocannon with an M-219 7.62mm machinegun as a coaxial weapon. A very few XM-734s were combat-tested in Vietnam. The XM-734 could still carry 11 troops, but it was a tight squeeze (it could even carry 12 with an even tighter squeeze, but it was not recommended). The XM-734 was thought to be promising, but not promising enough, and research continued.

XM-765

The XM-765 began development in 1967, and several variants were built (differing mostly in armament and cupolas) into several forms before finally being canceled in 1970 in favor of a further modified version called the M-113A1PI. The program came to an end in the US in the early 1970s, but by then several European countries had taken an interest in the M-113A1PI design, and it became the AIFV (covered in other sections).

The XM-765 retained the power pack, suspension, and tracks of the M-113A1, but the hull was heavily modified. The passenger compartment took on a radically different form, with the upper hull sides being sloped at an angle of about 30 degrees and fitted with four firing ports on each side, along with two in the rear ramp. The firing ports could accept any M-16 rifle or the M-3A1 submachinegun. The front and side armor was increased in effectiveness by incorporating spaced armor. A 379-liter fuel tank was installed under the floor of the passenger compartment, replacing the fuel tanks in the M-113A1's walls. A new commander's cupola was installed, armed with a 20mm M-139 autocannon that could be aimed and fired (but not reloaded) from under armor.

Some of the biggest strikes against the XM-765 were inadequate power and range for the increased weight. This caused an ill-advised reduction in armor protection, especially the spaced armor. The cupola and the weapon mount were retained, but the weapon was replaced with an M-2HB machinegun. The bench seats running down the center of the passenger compartment were

replaced by rotating individual seats, with two being added for the ramp gunners. Two additional ventilation fans were also added for the passenger compartment.

PI M-113A1

The PI (Product-Improved) M-113A1 was a test vehicle built in 1970 aimed at increasing the M-113A1's firepower and survivability. The survivability improvements consisted of bolt-on spaced laminate steel armor, with the spaces between the armor panels being filled with polyurethane foam to allow the M-113A1 to retain its amphibious capability; a high-displacement trim vane also assisted with this. The fuel tanks were moved to the rear of the vehicle, and protected on the outer sides by the new spaced armor; the rest of the tanks were also protected by increased steel armor.

The sides of the hull were heavily-modified based on experience with the XM-765, with three vision blocks on each side of the hull in a sloping armor section. Experience with the XM-765 showed that only two troops could properly fire through firing ports on each side of the vehicle, so the third man on each side had only a vision block, without a firing port. In the rear ramp was another firing port with a vision block. Seats were provided for ten passengers, one of which was the commander. The commander had his own cupola behind that of the gunner's station; this cupola was unarmed, but had a 6x binocular scope along with seven vision blocks. There was no rear deck roof hatch.

The cupola was replaced with one that had a lower silhouette; this cupola could be armed with the M-139 autocannon or an M-2HB, both of which could be fired (but not reloaded) from under armor. The primary armament version tested was the M-139 autocannon. The gunner also had a 6x periscope sight along with seven other standard vision blocks.

The PI M-113A1 used a more powerful 260-horsepower engine, and the suspension beefed up to handle additional weight and improve cross-country performance.

The US Army decided not to develop the PI M-113A1 or the XM-765 further, but the Dutch saw promise in them, and ordered several PI M-113A1s in 1974 for extensive testing. These Dutch test vehicles evolved into the AIFV.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
Stretched M-113A1	\$74,004	D, A	3.04 tons	16.17 tons	2+15	5	Passive IR (D)	Shielded
XM-734	\$139,376	D, A	800 kg	13.69 tons	2+9	6	Passive IR (G+D)	Shielded
XM-765 (v1)	\$148,092	D, A	800 kg	13.54 tons	3+9	8	Passive IR (G+D)	Shielded
XM-765 (v2)	\$150,852	D, A	1 ton	12.04 tons	2+10	6	Passive IR (C+D)	Shielded
PI M-113A1	\$252,819	D, A	1 ton	12.23 tons	2+10	7	Passive IR (G+D)	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
Stretched M-113A1	114/80	25/15/3	360	148	Std	T3	HF6 HS4 HR4
XM-734	121/85	26/15/3	416	155	Std	T2	TF4 TS3 TR2 HF7 HS5 HR4
XM-765 (v1)	122/85	26/15	379	155	CiH	T2	TF3 TS2 TR2 HF7Sp HS5Sp HR4
XM-765 (v2)	129/90	28/16/3	379	147	CiH	T2	TF3 TS2 TR2 HF6 HS5 HR4
PI M-113A1	131/91	27/16/3	416	143	CiH	T2	TF3 TS2 TR2 HF8Sp HS6Sp HR5

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
Stretched M-113A1	None	None	M-2HB (C)	2000x.50
XM-734	+1	Basic	20mm M-139, M-219	400x20mm, 1840x7.62mm
XM-765 (v1)	+1	Fair	20mm M-139	500x20mm
XM-765 (v2)	+1	Fair	M-2HB	1500x.50
PI M-113A1	None	None	20mm M-139	400x20mm

M-113A1 With LAV-25 Turret

Country of Origin: Canada

Notes: The M-113A1 was upgraded in such a manner at the request of the Canadian Army, but it was decided to not go ahead with upgrading the entire M-113A1 fleet.

Twilight 2000 Notes: As an experiment, some Canadian M-113A1s were fitted with the same turret as the LAV-25. When the Twilight War broke out, the prototypes were taken into service as the CM-113A1, and series production was begun. These vehicles were primarily retained in the home defense role, and most were sent to the western Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Yukon, as well as the Northwest Territories to counter the Russian invasion. These vehicles, like most Canadian LAV-25s, add a MAG for anti-aircraft and anti-troop use by the commander's hatch. Since these are modifications of older M-113s, most do not have a wear value of better than 4. The layout is generally similar to the standard M-113, but the large hatch on the rear deck is eliminated, as with the turret mounted, there is no room for it.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$214,890	D, A	1 ton	15.35 tons	3+6	7	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor

152/107	35/25/3	360	112	Trtd	T2	TF6 TS4 TR4 HF6 HS4 HR4
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Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+1	Basic	25mm ChainGun, MAG	630x25mm, 1620x7.62N

M-113 Model 607

Country of Origin: Germany

Notes: This is a German variant of the M-113A1, with a KUKA 607 turret mounting an M-2HB machinegun, a new engine, and a fully automatic transmission and steering yoke. This is an upgrade proposed by FFG in 1997, but few if any of these conversions have been done for operational vehicles.

Twilight 2000 Notes: About 150 of these vehicles were available for the Twilight War.

Merc 2000 Notes: The conversion program was never carried out.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$29,783	D, A	1 ton	15 tons	2+10	6	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
137/96	30/20/4	360	109	Trtd	T2	TF3 TS3 TR3 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+1	Basic	M-2HB	2000x.50

M-115A1 ACCV

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is an invention of the designers at GDW. I have come up with a little more back story.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This Armored Cavalry Combat Vehicle is originally a Canadian idea. In the late 1980s, they began, first as an experiment, and then operationally, topping some of their M-113A2s with the same turrets used on LAV-25 wheeled armored personnel carriers. The US Army, especially National Guard formations, borrowed this idea during the Twilight War, using them in place of the shorter-supplied M-3 Bradley Cavalry Vehicles. The turret almost completely takes up the deck of the vehicle.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$214,890	D, A	1 ton	15.35 tons	3+6	7	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
152/107	35/25/3	360	112	Trtd	T2	TF6 TS4 TR4 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+1	Basic	25mm ChainGun, MAG	630x25mm, 1620x7.62N

M-119A1

Country of Origin: Israel

Notes: The M-119A1 was originally an Israeli improved version of the M-113 ACCV, and during the war several M-113s were converted to this designation. The vehicle's turret mounts a 60mm HVMS autocannon to be used in bunker busting and general infantry support operations. The M-119A1 comes standard with an improved RAPI armor system that increases its survivability against heavy machineguns and RPGs. The vehicle became popular with American troops who liked the increased armor and heavier caliber support weapon. The M-119A1 is often fitted with reactive armor (TF, TS, HF), and may use the M-113s appliqué hull armor. Though technically an APC, it stretches that definition.

The M-119A1 models deployed to the Middle Eastern theater have earned the nickname "Combat Taxis" by the troops and crews. Some test models have been sent back to the US for analysis.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$243,929	D, A	1 ton	14 tons	3+6	7	Active/Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
100/70	20/15/2	360	109	Trtd	T2	TF10 TS4 TR4 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Fair	60mm HVMS, MAG; MAG, M-2HB, or Mk19 (C)	80x60mm; 4000x7.62mm, or 2000x7.62mm and 2000x.50, or 2000x7.62mm and 500x40mm grenade

Marder 1A3/40mm

Country of Origin: Germany

Notes: Developed as an experiment from the standard Marder 1A3, the Marder 1A3/40mm has not been adopted by the Bundeswehr, and probably never will be due to budgetary reasons.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Just before the commencement of the Twilight War, the Germans (amongst many other countries) realized that the rather light autocannons arming most of their IFVs simply weren't going to cut the mustard. The Germans decided to solve this problem while spending as little as possible -- they up-gunned the standard Marder 1A3 with Bofors 40mm L/70 autocannons traded and bought from the Swedes, and while they were at it, improved the night vision suite. The result was the Marder 1A3/40mm, (sometimes referred to as the Marder 1A4, though this was a non-official appellation). The Germans did not have time to bring the new gun's mounting and stabilization up to Marder 1A3 standards, and had to enlarge the turret to fit the Bofors gun, making the 1A3/40mm easily identifiable. In addition, the extra weight of the new turret and gun do take away from the cargo-carrying capabilities of the vehicle, as well as making the interior a bit more cramped. The Marder 1A3/40mm was adopted in small numbers, but never enough to satisfy the Bundeswehr, for they were quite effective at protecting their troops and dispensing with most enemy APCs.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$424,010	D, A	800 kg	34.8 tons	3+5	17	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
104/73	30/20	652	176	Trtd	T4	TF12 TS7 TR7 HF27 HS12 HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Fair	40mm Bofors L/70, MG-3, Milan II Launcher	700x40mm, 5000x7.62mm, 5xMilan II

MOWAG Improved Tornado

Country of Origin: Switzerland

Notes: This is an upgrade of the first Tornado. It features an overhead mount for an autocannon, coaxial machinegun, and missile launcher. The driver is in the front left of the hull with an overhead hatch; the commander has a small hatch in the remote turret. The rear of the hull has a ramp. There are two firing ports in each side of the hull and two in the rear; in addition, there are two remote machineguns on the hull deck at the rear. This vehicle was not adopted by any country, but is still being offered by MOWAG. It is interesting for its heavy armament, and is presented here as a "what-if."

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
35mm	\$133,899	D, A	1.75 tons	22.3 tons	3+7	9	Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded
25mm	\$112,208	D, A	1.75 tons	22.3 tons	3+7	9	Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
(Both)	135/94	31/22/3	500	136	ClH	T4	TF6 TS5 TR4 HF8 HS4 HR3

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
35mm	+3	Fair	35mm KDA Autocannon, MAG, 2xTOW II Launchers, 2xMAG (Rear)	500x35mm, 3500x7.62mm, 5xTOW II ATGM
25mm	+3	Fair	25mm KBA Autocannon, MAG, Milan Launcher, 2xMAG (Rear)	700x25mm, 3500x7.62mm, 7xMilan ATGM

MOWAG Trojan

Country of Origin: Switzerland

Notes: This is a tracked armored personnel carrier first produced for the requirements of the Swiss Army. The Swiss eventually went with the CV-9030 (see Swedish APCs), but in 1992 the Finnish company Patria Vehicles bought the design and manufacturing rights, calling the vehicle the TC-500, and modified it for use in extreme temperatures (especially cold) and deep snow and ice. The vehicle was designed to be modular for easy upgrading and easy servicing. Add-on extra armor can be added; this weighs 4.5 tons, slows the vehicle by 10%, and costs \$15,000; it adds 4 points of armor to all faces. The vehicles were designed to use three different autocannons, and any of these may be installed in the vehicle with minimal modification in 1 hour. The driver's hatch is on the front left, and, unlike most armored vehicles, the driver has periscopes that allow him to see over the engine on the front right when buttoned up. There are two hatches on the turret deck for the commander and gunner, and a large drop ramp on the rear face for the passengers. The troops have no firing ports, but there is a machinegun cupola with a

periscope for suppressive fire.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
Trojan (25mm Autocannon)	\$325,015	D, A	1.5 tons	24.65 tons	3+7	14	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded
Trojan (30mm Autocannon)	\$357,159	D, A	1.5 tons	27 tons	3+7	14	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded
Trojan (40mm Autocannon)	\$412,412	D, A	1.5 tons	29 tons	3+7	15	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
Trojan (25mm Autocannon)	165/115	35/25/4	450	200	Trtd	T3	TF8 TS7 TR4 HF10 HS6 HR6
Trojan (30mm Autocannon)	154/108	35/25/3	450	200	Trtd	T3	TF8 TS7 TR4 HF10 HS6 HR6
Trojan (40mm Autocannon)	147/103	30/20/3	450	200	Trtd	T3	TF8 TS7 TR4 HF10 HS6 HR6

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
Trojan (25mm Autocannon)	+3	Fair	25mm KBA,MAG, MAG (Rear)	600x25mm, 1500x7.62N
Trojan (30mm Autocannon)	+3	Fair	30mm Mauser Mk 30, MAG, MAG (Rear)	500x30mm, 1500x7.62mm
Trojan (40mm Autocannon)	+3	Fair	40mm Bofors L/70, MAG, MAG (Rear)	400x40mm, 1500x7.62mm

Panhard VCR-2

Country of Origin: France

Notes: This medium wheeled APC has only been developed to the prototype stage as of yet. It is a stretched VCR TT 2, with 8 roadwheels and about 25% larger than that vehicle. It is being developed for the requirements of the Polish Army for a new wheeled armored personnel carrier with good cross-country performance, high road speed, and decent firepower. Four turret choices are available, with the 25mm-armed version being the most likely to be adopted. The VCR-2 may also be fitted with a pintle-mounted machinegun. The layout is similar to the standard VCR TT 2, with a door in the center of the hull on each side, a hatch on the front center deck for the driver, and a large door in the rear of the vehicle for the troops. The turret is normally a small turret with no hatch; however, the version with a pintle-mounted machinegun has a hatch in the center top deck, and the 90mm version has a hatch on the turret roof for the commander and gunner. There are three firing ports on each side of the troop compartment.

Twilight/Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
Pintle MG	\$38,420	D, A	2 tons	14.8 tons	2+10	5	Passive IR	Shielded
MG Turret	\$126,410	D, A	2 tons	15 tons	3+9	5	Image Intensification, Thermal Imaging	Shielded
20mm Turret	\$131,130	D, A	2 tons	15 tons	3+9	5	Image Intensification, Thermal Imaging	Shielded
25mm Turret	\$134,283	D, A	2 tons	15 tons	3+9	5	Image Intensification, Thermal Imaging	Shielded
90mm Turret	\$220,189	D, A	1.5 tons	15.8 tons	3+5	5	Image Intensification, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
Pintle MG	162/66	41/17/4	350	97	Std	W(6)	HF12 HS6 HR4
MG/20/25mm Turret	160/64	40/16/4	350	97	CiH	W(6)	TF5 TS4 TR3 HF12 HS6 HR4
90mm Turret	156/62	39/16/4	350	97	Trtd	W(6)	TF5 TS4 TR3 HF12 HS6 HR4

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
Pintle MG	None	None	M-2HB	2000x.50
MG Turret	+3	Fair	M-2HB, AAT-F1	1500x.50, 2200x7.62mm
20mm Turret	+3	Fair	20mm M621 Autocannon, AAT-F1	1000x20mm, 2200x7.62mm
25mm Turret	+3	Fair	25mm M811 Autocannon, AAT-F1	800x25mm, 2200x7.62mm
90mm Turret	+3	Fair	90mm French Gun, AAT-F1	22x90mm, 2200x7.62mm

Pbv-402

Country of Origin: Sweden Notes: As a test, the complete turret of a CV-9040 was mounted on an MT-LB. This was done to quickly and cheaply mechanize infantry units that were foot-mobile or mounted only in trucks or light vehicles. Though the experiment was deemed substantially a success, it was deemed even cheaper to simply place those troops in overhauled MT-LBs for the time being. The Pbv-402 project was therefore put on indefinite hold, and few if any were actually fielded. (I'm not sure if "Pbv-402" is an official designation for this design; I believe that this designation was made up by Antti Hentuu, a person well known to the online *Twilight 2000* community as Antenna.)

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle was in limited production before the Twilight War, but was not adopted as a standard until 1999. It is produced by placing the turret of a CV-90 on the hull of an MT-LB APC; often, these turrets were taken from battle-damaged CV-90s with still-functioning turrets. Still more were purposely modified into this standard. The vehicles were used to replace battle losses, but the real CV-90 or even the Pbv-502 was preferred over this vehicle.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist in the Merc 2000 timeline.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$424,037	D, A	1.2 tons	13 tons	3+6	6	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
70/49	15/10/2	450	103	Trtd	T4	TF14 TS8 TR6 HF4 HS2 HR2

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Good	40mm Bofors L/70 Autocannon, Ksp m/39, 2x71mm Lyran launchers	240x40mm, 3800x7.62mm, 8x71mm ILLUM Shells

Pbv-502

Country of Origin: Sweden

Notes: The story behind this unusual modification is similar to that of the Pbv-402.

Twilight 2000 Notes: In 1997, Sweden bought 350 ex-East German BMP-1 IFVs from Germany. These vehicles were modified and upgraded; the most dramatic of these upgrades was the replacement of the 73mm cannon turret with a turret from the CV-90 IFV. These vehicles were used to mechanize most of the remainder of Sweden's infantry forces. The upgraded vehicles, called Pbv-502s, are similar in appearance to the Polish BMP-40, and also have new engines and transmissions installed to replace the aging power train in the BMP-1s. Though the CV-90 was the preferred vehicle, the Pbv-502 was better than no vehicle at all.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$416,282	D, A	1 ton	18.4 tons	3+8	8	Thermal Imaging, Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
72/50	15/10/2	460	128	Trtd	T2	TF14 TS8 TR6 HF8 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Good	40mm L/70 autocannon, Ksp m/39, 2x71mm Lyran launchers	238x40mm, 3000x7.62N, 8x71mm ILLUM Shells

TAB-90

Country of Origin: Romania

Notes: This vehicle does not exist; it is the invention of the original designers of the *Twilight 2000* game at GDW. I have elaborated on the back story considerably, however.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is the result of Romanian experiments in designing a light APC for scout teams. The TAB-90 is a small vehicle; barely large enough for its crew, and normally less than a full complement of passengers were carried in order to

carry more supplies, especially on extended reconnaissance missions. The TAB-90 has an unusually quiet engine, and enemy troops often found the TAB-90 much closer to their positions than they expected it to be, without warning. The exhaust is also filtered so the normal heavy plume of smoke given off by diesel engines is more subdued in the TAB-90. The main fault of the TAB-90, other than its light construction, is its high profile, nearly three meters high; this not only made it easy to spot against the horizon, but also made it vulnerable to tipping on uneven ground. It was, however, a good observation platform. The TAB-90 has a hatch on the front left deck for the driver, two hatches on the turret deck for the gunner and commander, and a door in the rear of the hull for the passengers. In addition, there is a firing port on each side of the hull, and one in the rear door.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$199,162	D, A	1 ton	10 tons	3+6	6	Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
189/132	40/30/5	500	107	Trtd	T2	TF5 TS3 TR2 HF4 HS3 HR3

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Fair	23mm Autocannon, PKT	200x23mm, 1500x7.62mm

TH-495

Country of Origin: Germany

Notes: This vehicle exists in prototype form only.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This infantry fighting vehicle was designed in the mid-1990s in Germany to replace the Marder. Production began in 1996, but all three production lines were destroyed by late 1997 and as a result the TH-495 did not make much headway in replacing the Marder, equipping only a few front-line battalions. Those that made it to service gave a good accounting of themselves in combat, their heavy caliber autocannons able to destroy and out-range opposing vehicles, and their missiles (usually TOW IIIs) able to take out even main battle tanks. The vehicle is state of the art, able to fire at full speed and with targeting systems normally found on advanced tanks. A few were produced in a shorter version with only 5 roadwheels; however, they were produced only as prototypes, and were sent to combat units only as an emergency measure. Most have 6 roadwheels, and this is the version presented below. A few of these vehicles, perhaps 25 in all, were produced for Malaysia and sent there before ship traffic became scarce.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$428,967	D, G, AvG, A	1.2 tons	25.9 tons	3+7	10	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
146/102	30/20/3	700	126	Trtd	T4	TF21Sp TS11Sp HR9 HF26Sp HS8Sp HR6

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	30mm Bushmaster II, MG-3, 2xTOW II/III launchers	820x30mm, 4500x7.62mm, 6xTOW II/III ATGM

Vextra 25

Country of Origin: France

Notes: The APC version of the Vextra is topped with an upgraded Dragar turret armed with a 25mm autocannon. The driver is on the front left, the one-man turret has a hatch on the roof, and there are four hatches on the rear deck. There is a power ramp in the rear hull for passenger access. A sore point among troops using this vehicle is the lack of firing ports, forcing infantrymen to expose themselves to fire through the deck hatches to return fire. Though the Vextra 25 is in an advanced testing phase as of 2006, it is already being marketed, but has no buyers as of yet.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This new French APC began production for the French and German armies just prior to the Twilight War. Designed to replace the AMX-10P and VAB in the French Army and the Fuchs and M-113 series in the German Army, fewer than 100 of these vehicles made it to each army before production stopped for the German Army and focused on the French Army. Many of these vehicles were sent to the Middle East, where their ability to keep up with Leclerc and AMX-40 tanks made them valuable.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle got lost in the budget shuffle and was never put into production.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$220,022	D, A	1.64 tons	25.7 tons	2+9	7	Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
160/91	35/20	580	154	Trtd	W(6)	TF5 TS5 TR4 HF10Sp HS6Sp HR5

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Good	25mm KBA autocannon, AAT-F1	1200x25mm, 2800x7.62mm

Ze'ev IFV

Country of Origin: Israel

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it was made up by Frank Frey of GDW. (I asked Frank about the Ze'ev IFV once, and he told me that in his mind, the turret sort of looks like a Bradley turret without the TOW launcher box, atop a hull that looks sort of like that of the Marder.)

Twilight 2000 Notes: An Israeli built tracked, IFV variant of the Ze'ev Mobile Armored Gun System. The IFV has a remote turret mounted on the center top deck. The commander, driver, and gunner ride in the chassis along with 6 infantrymen. There are two firing ports on each side of the vehicle. There are separate hatches for the commander, driver and gunner on the top deck. There is a powered ramp door with two additional firing ports in the rear hull of the vehicle.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$300,501	D, A	500 kg	22.56 tons	3+6	8	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
129/91	30/20	650	153	CiH	T4	TF12 TS10 TR5 HF16Sp HS12Sp HR6

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Good	35mm Bushmaster III autocannon, Mk19	300x35mm, 100x40mm grenades

LAV-LOSAT

Nation of Origin: Canada

Notes: This is a LAV-25 with the normal turret replaced with a 12-tube Hypervelocity Missile launcher turret. This vehicle has not been produced in real life, though prototypes have been built.

Fictional Notes: In the Twilight 2000 timeline this was produced for the US Marines, but a very few were produced, and all of them were deployed to the Middle East.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$387,457	D, A	300 kg	12 tons	3	10	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
191/115	40/24/4	300	93	Trtd	W(6)	TF6 TS4 TR4 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	12-round HVM launcher, C-6 (C)	24xHVM, 600x7.62mm

LAV MPLS (Multiple Purpose Launch System)

Nation of Origin: Canada

Vehicle Type: Multipurpose Weapons Platform

Notes: This is a LAV chassis, with the area behind the driver's and commander's positions chopped down and the armor removed to form a flatbed. On this flatbed is a very large turret mounting a quadruple Chaparral mount, a 7-round Hydra-70 rocket pod, and two Hellfire ATGM launchers. Typically, the Chaparrals are for antiaircraft work, the Hydra-70s are for antihelicopter use, and the Hellfires are for antivehicle attacks. The Hydra-70s are also used as artillery rockets in some cases. There is a machinegun mount by the commander's hatch for local defense. Like the LAV-LOSAT, the LAV MPLS was produced only as prototypes, though they were developed to the advanced prototype stage.

Fictional Notes: In the Twilight 2000 timeline, this hybrid system was used only by Saudi Arabia before the Twilight War (in very small numbers), but was manufactured for US and Canadian forces during the war. These vehicles, despite their small numbers, were used to great effect by Saudi and US Marine forces in the Middle East, where they were called "Damnation Machines" by the Russian, Iranian, and Iraqi forces that faced them.

In the Merc 2000 timeline, the MPLS very nearly faced a quiet death until the US Military latched onto them for their new Stryker Brigades. (The US Army also experimented with the turret on a Stryker/LAV III chassis, but the resulting vehicle was judged to be too heavy, unwieldy, and expensive.)

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$555,734	D, A	500 kg	14 tons	3	14	Passive IR	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
171/102	37/22/4	300	107	Trtd	W(6)	TF4 TS3 TR3 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Basic	4xChaparral SAM launchers, 7-round Hydra-70 launcher, 2xHellfire ATGM launchers, C-6 (C)	4xChaparral SAMs, 21xHydra-70 rockets, 8xHellfire ATGM, 1000x7.62mm

M-41E Cazador

Nation of Manufacture: Spain

Notes: This Spanish vehicle is a refurbished M-41 light tank, with the usual gun turret replaced by a twin TOW launcher of the same type as mounted on the M-901A1 ITV vehicle. To the rear of this mount on the rear deck is a hatch for reloading the launcher. There are two hatches on the front deck for the driver and commander, and there is a weapon mount in front of a center deck hatch in front of the launcher. On the glacis plate are eight smoke grenade launcher barrels. This was tried as an experiment in order to get some use out of aging M-41 tanks, but never put into production.

Twilight 2000 Story: This vehicle was only in Spanish service at the time of the Twilight War.

Fictional Notes: In the Twilight 2000 timeline, this vehicle was only in Spanish service, and only in small numbers. They nonetheless acquitted themselves very well.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$95,887	D, A	600 kg	23 tons	4	11	Passive IR	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
134/93	30/20	850	133	CIH	T4	TF2 TS2 TR2 HF12 HS8 HR6

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	None	Twin TOW II launcher, MAG (C)	12xTOW II ATGM, 2000x7.62mm

M-920 Hellfire AT Vehicle

Nation of Manufacture: United States

Notes: This is the M-2A1 Bradley chassis with the turret removed and a quadruple Hellfire antiarmor missile launcher fitted into its place. As far as I know, this vehicle is the product of the imaginations of the designers at GDW, and was never actually even considered by the US military in any form.

Fictional Notes: This vehicle exists only in the Twilight 2000 timeline; it is the M-2 Bradley chassis with the turret removed and a quadruple Hellfire antiarmor missile launcher fitted into its place. It was decided later in the war with helicopters and the fuel to fly them becoming more scarce that vehicles able to launch Hellfire missiles needed to be developed, and as quickly as possible. The M-920 was sometimes manufactured as such, but more often, they were built on intact Bradley hulls which had damaged turrets, and a turret kit for the Hellfire missile system which could be installed in the field at rear-echelon vehicle maintenance units.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$224,356	D, A	200 kg	29.6 tons	4	13	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensifier	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
153/107	35/25/3	662	217	CiH	T4	TF2 TS2 TR2 HF8 HS4Sp HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Fair	Quadruple Hellfire launcher, MAG (C)	12xHellfire ATGM, 600x7.62mm

M-921 Bradley-LOSAT

Nation of Manufacture: United States

Notes: LOSAT stands for Line-Of-Sight Anti-Tank. The M-921 is an M-2A2 Bradley chassis with a 12-round Hypervelocity Missile turret replacing the standard turret. This weapon system is basically in a holding pattern; no further funds have been allocated to its development, but it has not been officially killed, either.

Fictional Notes: In the Twilight 2000 timeline, very few of these vehicles were produced (perhaps a dozen), and all were deployed to Europe. In the Merc 2000 timeline, budget difficulties killed this program before a single prototype could be built.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$398,268	D, A	300 kg	29.5 tons	3	13	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
153/107	35/25/3	662	217	Trtd	T4	TF4 TS4 TR4 HF13 HS8Sp HR16

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	12-round LOSAT launcher, MAG (C)	24xLOSAT ADATS, 600x7.62mm

M-922 Buford-LOSAT

Nation of Manufacture: United States

Notes: This is an M-8 Buford airborne combat vehicle with the standard turret replaced by a 12-tube Hypervelocity Missile turret. It does not have the special ammunition storage system that the standard Buford has, nor can the new turret be fitted with add-on turret armor packages (though the hull may still be equipped with these packages). This system was killed along with the standard M-8 Buford, though the on-and-off rumors of the Buford's resurrection could mean that this program will also be resumed.

Fictional Notes: In the Twilight 2000 timeline, very few of these vehicles were produced (perhaps a dozen for each division), and all were deployed to the Middle East with the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions. In the Merc 2000 timeline, production of these vehicle was undertaken at a very slow rate along with the M-8 Buford; perhaps one M-922 was produced for every ten M-8s.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$385,260	D, A	300 kg	18.5 tons/20.82 tons/23.59 tons	3	9	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
186/130	40/30	568	195	Trtd	T4	TF6 TS6Sp TR4Sp HF4/6Sp/20Sp HS3/6Sp/14Sp

HR4Sp/4Sp/4Sp

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	12-round LOSAT launcher, MAG (C)	24xLOSAT ADATS, 1000x7.62mm

Panther

Nation of Manufacture: Germany

Notes: This is a tank destroyer based on the hull of the Leopard 1 chassis. They were converted by removing the turret and fitting an elevating arm with a 3-round pod firing Trigat ATGM. The arm can be raised to a height of 5 meters and contains all the sensors needed to target and guide the missiles. The sight is downlinked to a gunner's position in the hull, which guides the missiles via a TV monitor. There is a hatch on the center front deck for the driver, one on the right deck behind the driver for the commander, and a large hatch behind the elevating arm for reloading of missiles. This program was cancelled in the early 1990s after only one prototype was built.

Fictional Notes: In the Twilight 2000 timeline, a few of these conversions were done before the war, but the program was actually cancelled for a short time; more were done after the war commenced. In the Merc 2000 timeline, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy use this vehicle.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$372,284	D, G, A	700 kg	38.7 tons	3	15	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
111/78	25/15	985	215	CiH	T6	TF4 TS4 TR4 HF26 HS12 HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	None	3xTrigat Launchers, MG-3 (C)	20xTrigat ATGM, 4000x7.62mm

Ratel ZT-3

Nation of Manufacture: South Africa

Notes: This is a Ratel-20 APC with the turret replaced with one mounting a triple Swift ATGM launcher, a coaxial MAG machinegun, and two smoke grenade launchers on either side of the turret. The Ratel in this configuration retains its rear MAG machinegun. The gunner is seated on the right side of the turret and the commander on the left. Unfortunately, the Ratel ZT-3 was cancelled by the mid-1990s, with only a few examples being built.

Fictional Notes: In the Twilight 2000 timeline, the Ratel ZT-3 was not cancelled, and went into full production. In the Merc 2000 timeline, South Africa found itself faced by hostile African neighbors with ever-more sophisticated and capable tanks, and South Africa decided to put the Ratel ZT-3 into full production.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$113,113	D, A	700 kg	19.2 tons	3	14	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
139/84	25/15	430	103	Trtd	W(6)	TF6 TS3 TR3 HF11 HS6 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	3xSwift launcher, MG-4, MG-4 (Rear)	12xSwift ATGM, 800x7.62mm

CESV

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle is similar to the Canadian M-113 ESEV, but based on the larger MTVL chassis. The CESV's ramp may be used as a working platform, and may hold 1.1 tons. It has the same hydraulic auger that may dig in earth, asphalt, and frozen ground to a depth of 3.048 meters and 203mm wide; hydraulic power tools (a chainsaw, jack hammer, impact wrench), a welding set, and an engineer demo chest. The CESV is also equipped with a light turret. As of 2003, only a single demonstrator vehicle has been built.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle was taken into service by the US Army in late 1996 as the M-113A4 Sapper Vehicle.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$147,965	D, A	4.2 tons	18.14 tons	2+8	10	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
146/102	30/20/3	492	143		T3	TF3 TS3 TR3 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+1	Fair	M-2HB, MAG	1000x.50, 1500x7.62mm

Forward Repair System-Heavy

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: The FRS-H is based on the chassis of the M-1074 PLS vehicle (a heavy, 10x10 truck). The chassis is lightly armored, and has been modified to accept a work module, tools storage, a crane, and a load area. The crane has a capacity of 7.5 tons -- large enough to lift any major component in the US Army except M-1 series turrets. The vehicle has a minimum of two NATO slave receptacles and can thus jump a minimum of two NATO-compatible vehicles simultaneously. The FRS-H also has a 10kW generator designed to run more quietly than a standard 10kW generator; this can be used to run power tools, the crane, and jump vehicles all at once. The FRS-H typically carries welding and cutting gear, two heavy jacks, and electronic diagnostic gear and computers. The work module has a large roof hatch so that large components can be lowered inside; the cab has a door on each side, and a hatch on the roof with a heavy machinegun mount. This vehicle is not expected to be in service before 2008, if ever.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle began production shortly before the November Nuclear strikes. Most of them were retained in the Continental US.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$198,246	D, A	13.84 tons	26.08 tons	4	9	Headlights	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
177/106	38/23	379	184	Std	W(5)	HF4 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	M-2HB (C)	1000x.50

M-1 AEV (Assault Engineer Vehicle)

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is a concept put forward in an article in *Armor* magazine as a vehicle type that (according to the author) is badly needed in the US Army. As far as I know, the author's idea was ignored.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The M-1 AEV was built to fulfill the need for a modernized assault engineer vehicle. The M-113 series could not keep up with the faster Bradley and Abrams. The Bradley did not have the room for a full engineer squad and all their equipment. The Bradley also lacked the armor protection necessary to breach obstacles. The solution was to take the M-1 Abrams chassis and modify it to fulfill the need.

The vehicle consists of an M-1 Abrams chassis with a small one-man turret mounting a 25mm ChainGun (as on the M-2 Bradley). The turret also has a hard point that is usually fitted with a TOW launcher, though it is sometimes fitted with a Hydra-70 pod (similar to those on attack helicopters). The TOW launcher is reloaded from a hatch directly behind the turret (similar to the Bradley). There are two hatches on the roof of the passenger compartment, and a clamshell door on the left side of the hull to allow the passengers to dismount without exposing themselves to enemy fire. There are large lockers on the exterior of the vehicle on each rear side for bulky equipment.

This vehicle was produced in small numbers directly before the outbreak of the Twilight War, and numbers of this vehicle were never high.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$476,483	D, G, AvG, A	1 ton	55 tons	3+6	19	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
186/131	40/30	1907	629	CIH	T6	TF10 TS6 TR4 HF201Cp HS26Sp HR19

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Good	25mm ChainGun, TOW II Launcher, MAG	300x25mm, 7xTOW II, 3000x7.62mm

M-5 Abrams Recovery Vehicle

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: The M-5 is a recovery vehicle based on the chassis of the first-generation M-1 main battle tank, and retains 85% parts commonality with the M-1A1 (and nearly 100% with the M-1). The turret of the M-1 is replaced with an armored superstructure. To the left of this superstructure is a crane with a capacity of 35 tons and a traverse of 270 degrees. On the front is a dozer blade, and behind that is a winch with a capacity of 45 tons, or 90 tons with block and tackle. The winch has 117 meters of usable cable. An auxiliary winch is provided with a capacity of 2.2 tons and 200 meters of cable. The vehicle has a full set of tools, including basic, wheeled vehicle, tracked vehicle, small arms, heavy ordinance, and excavating tools. An air compressor, a welding and cutting set, a fuel pump, two tow bars, and several lengths of cable, rope, and chains are also provided. The M-5 has an APU to power the equipment; this is an 8.1kW diesel generator. Space is provided for 4 passengers; this is normally for the crew of the tank the M-5 is recovering. The M-5 was not chosen by the US for its recovery needs, but General Dynamics is aggressively marketing it overseas.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle was taken into US service in late 1996, but only about 150 were ever built.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle entered US service in 2006.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$283,440	D, G, AvG, A	5 tons	68.5 tons	3+4	24	Passive IR, WL/IR Spotlight	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor

147/103	30/20	1920	652	Std	T6	HF151 HS26 HR19
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Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	M-2HB (C)	1575x.50

M-60 VZ

Country of Origin: Spain

Notes: This is a Spanish combat engineer vehicle based on the M-60A1 tank, also tested by Greece and by Germany and Turkey. The turret of the M-60A1 is replaced by an armored superstructure, beside which is placed a large crane. The superstructure is topped with the M-60A1's machinegun cupola, and retains the M-2HB. The crane is normally equipped with a digging bucket, and has a capacity of 10 tons. A hydraulic hammer, a shearing head, a grapple, or a smaller and more precise digging bucket can replace the head. The large bucket has a digging depth of 2.7 meters, and the arm has a reach of 7.2 meters. The front of the vehicle has a dozer blade (which may be replaced by a mine plow), and is 900 millimeters high and 3.7 meters wide. There is also a main winch in the front of the vehicle with a pulling strength of 30 tons and 90 meters of cable. The pulling strength can be increased to 60 tons by use of block and tackle. The M-60 VZ has an auxiliary generator of 5kW power. The standard tools for a combat engineer vehicle are carried: basic tools, excavating tools, power tools, a welding and cutting set, and an air compressor. The M-60 VZ never passed the prototype stage.

Twilight 2000 Notes: These vehicles were used in large numbers by the Turks, who used them primarily for fortification and road building. The Spaniards also used them in good numbers, but the Germans never used more than the 5 prototypes they ordered for testing.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$142,545	D, A	1.8 tons	51.5 tons	3	19	Passive IR, WL Spotlight	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
109/76	25/15	1420	277	Std	T6	HF52 HS12 HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	M-2HB (C)	600x.50

M-104 Wolverine

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This is a limited production mechanized bridging vehicle based on the chassis of the M-1 main battle tank, also known as the HAB (Heavy Assault Bridge). It uses a bridge similar to that on the German Biber, but able to hold 70 tons with a length of 26 meters, and allowing a gap of 24 meters to be crossed. This bridge takes 5 minutes to deploy and 10 minutes to recover, and the crew does not need to exit the vehicle or even open the hatches to do this. The bridge weighs 10 tons. The M-104 has an APU to power the bridgelaying mechanism so the engine does not have to be running while the deployment is taking place; this is a 12kW generator.

The Wolverine was cancelled in 2000.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle was approved for production in 1996.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle was cancelled, reapproved, cancelled, and finally reapproved in 2007.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological

\$402,874	D, G, AvG, A	200 kg	70 tons	2	26	Passive IR	Shielded
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Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
147/103	30/20	1920	667	CiH	T6	TF4 TS4 TR4 HF201 HS26Sp HR19

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	M-2HB (C)	525x.50

M-113A3 ESV

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; however, it is a real concept put forward in the late 1990s to increase the capabilities of the modified M-113s currently employed by US Army combat engineers. It was never more than a drawing-board concept, however.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This was a limited-production combat engineer vehicle produced for US, Belgian, and Canadian forces during the Twilight War. Canadian ESVs were primarily deployed to Europe (about 75% of them, with the remainder kept at home); most US ESVs were deployed to the Middle East, with about 20% used in Korea, and another 20% in Europe. The vehicle consists of a base M-113A3 chassis topped with a small turret mounting an M-2HB heavy machinegun and a twin launcher for TOW missiles. A TOW missile with a HESH warhead was specifically designed for this vehicle and other combat engineers, for use as a demolition warhead; most of the TOW missiles carried by this vehicle have these HESH warheads. The M-2HB is used for defense or to detonate mines at a distance. An engineer's chest and stowage boxes for plastic explosives, dynamite, or TNT completes the modifications.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$153,171	D, A	1 ton	18.9 tons	2+3	9	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
141/99	30/20/3	464	143	Trtd	T2	TF4 TS4 TR4 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Basic	M-2HB, 2xTOW II Launchers	1000x.50, 6xTOW II, 50 kg Plastic Explosives

M-993 Grizzly Combat Mobility Vehicle

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: Introduced by the US in the early 1990s, the Grizzly is designed to breach obstacles and minefields that normal CEVs cannot. The Grizzly is equipped with a huge dozer blade 4.6 meters wide that is able to dig one meter into the ground at a swipe and excavate 300 cubic meters per hour. The dozer blade is heavily armored and is immune to mine damage. Hull front hits are 50% likely to hit this blade, which has an armor value of 20. Two telescoping arms with buckets are able to reach 10 meters and can excavate 80 cubic meters per hour. The buckets are located on either side on the front hull, and can lift 6.3 tons. Two grapples can be shot 20 meters and can pull 2 tons each. A hydraulic hammer can deliver a 475kg psi blow. An auger can dig a hole 0.6x2.5m in one minute. A lift hook can lift 9 tons. The Grizzly has an integral 60Kw generator. There is a large crane that is able to lift 10 tons, and a winch able to pull 30 tons. The driver and engineer sit in tandem, slightly offset in the front hull. The weapons are in a remote-controlled cupola to the rear of the engineer's hatch.

The Grizzly program was killed in early 2000.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The Grizzly was taken into service in 1997.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$575,969	D, G, AvG, A	2 tons	64 tons	2	26	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Std	Armor
157/110	35/25	1920	662	Std	T6	HF30 HS12 HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	Mk-19, MAG	400x40mm grenades, 1000x7.62mm

VCRT

Country of Origin: Argentina

Notes: This is an Argentine recovery vehicle based on the VCTP armored personnel carrier chassis. In this role, the turret is removed, and in its place is a raised superstructure with a crane with 5 meter reach and capable of lifting 22 tons. The vehicle has a main winch with 100 meters of cable and capable of pulling 30 tons, and a secondary winch in the rear with a capacity of 10 tons. There is also a rear-mounted dozer blade to brace the vehicle during heavy lifting or winching operations. The VCRT is equipped with basic tools, tracked and wheeled vehicle tools, excavating tools, an air compressor, and a welding and cutting set, as well as a 5kW generator. This vehicle unfortunately fell victim to budget cuts before even a prototype could be produced.

Twilight 2000 Notes: There were perhaps 25 of these vehicles that were ever produced, making them some of the rarest military vehicles of the war.

Merc 2000 Story: These vehicles sold reasonably well worldwide, except to the Argentine military themselves.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$214,166	D, A	1.5 tons	27.5 tons	4	12	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
189/132	40/30/4	640+400	267	Std	T3	HF32 HS6 HR6

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	MG-3 (C)	5000x7.62mm

Airwolf

Nation of Origin: United States

Vehicle Type: Special Operations Helicopter

Notes: Of course, Airwolf is not a real helicopter; it is from the 1980s TV series, *Airwolf*. (Actually, Airwolf is is not even technologically possible in the form presented in the TV series; it would be far too heavy to fly due to its weapons load, would not have the interior space it has, could not fly at supersonic speeds or even what would be considered high speeds for a helicopter, and has a sensor fit that simply isn't possible.)

Fictional Notes: Prototypes of this supersonic, heavy lift helicopter were flown as early as the 1980s. Due to high cost, few were ever built, one being operated by the rogue pilots St. John Hawke, Mike Rivers, and Jo Santini. This aircraft was flown as a favor for the CIA by these pilots, in exchange for support and armament. By 2000, this aircraft was still operated out of the American Southwest, on CivGov missions supported by the CIA as best as possible.

Unknown to those pilots, several others were built. Airwolf 2 was destroyed by Airwolf 1 in the mid 1980s. The rest were built shortly before the Twilight War. Airwolf 3 was operated by the DIA, and deployed to the Middle East in support of operations there. Airwolf 4 was operated by Task Force 160, and also deployed to the Middle East in support of US Special Forces, Delta Force, and SEAL teams. Airwolf 6 was deployed as a theatre-level asset to Europe, and went missing in early 2000.

Airwolf uses revolutionary engine and rotor technology to achieve supersonic speeds. Designed primarily for covert intelligence missions, Airwolf has a full camera, night vision, and radar suite, as well as a video camera system that can use the night vision systems. Shotgun microphones are also provided. It carries a laser designator for guiding of its missiles, and a GPS system for navigation, as well as inertial navigations systems. Radar jamming is provided, as well as IRCM systems.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$9,889,800	AvG	500 kg	30 tons	2+1	32	Image Intensification, FLIR, Radar	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc	Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling
2622	656	20/164	10/7 100/70	7000	6599	23000

Combat Equipment	Minimum Landing/Takeoff Zone	RF	Armament	Ammo
Flare/Chaff Dispensers (32), RWR, LWR, ECM, IRCM, Active Jamming, Auto Track, HUD, IR Uncage, Look-Down Radar, Terrain Following Radar, Track While Scan, Target ID	40m	+5	4x30mm Bushmaster II autocannons, 2x40mm Bofors L/70, Triple Weapon Rack, Magazine-Fed	300x30mm, 200x40mm, 3xHellfire ATGM, 3x155mm CLGP, 3xStinger AAM, 2xAIM-4 Falcon AAM

Boeing/Sikorsky RAH-66 Comanche

Country of Origin: United States

Vehicle Type: Scout/Attack Helicopter

Notes: The Comanche was not designed to replace the Apache in US service. Instead, it was designed to supplement it on deep penetration and attack missions. The landing gear and weapons racks retract into the fuselage for stealth flights, but weapon space can be expanded with add-on racks. No ejection seats are provided, and the helicopter is not capable of in-flight refueling. The Comanche is a stealth helicopter; all radar and radar weapons have a one level deficit against it, as do IR-based weapons and equipment. The Comanche program was, unfortunately, killed in early 2004.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The Comanche did not enter service until 1997, and is relatively rare.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$9,197,587	AvG	1.4 tons (Recon Mode), 3 tons (Attack Mode)	3.68 tons (Recon Mode), 5.27 tons (Attack Mode)	2	32	Image Intensification, FLIR, Radar	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Mnvr/Acc	Agl/Turn	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Ceiling

637	159	15/40	1455	400	6400
Combat Equipment		Minimum Landing/Takeoff Zone	RF	Armament	Ammo
Flare/Chaff Dispensers, Secure Radios, IR Suppression, Laser Designator, Helmet Sight Interface, RWR, Armored Cockpit, GPS, IRCM, ECM, Target ID, Auto Track, TFR		45m	+5	20mm M-197, 6 hardpoints (Recon Mode), 14 Hardpoints (Attack Mode)	500x20mm

AAI RDF/LT

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: The US Army began phasing out the M-551 Sheridan in 1978; by 1990, only the 82nd Airborne had fully combat-capable Sheridans (though a small number of Sheridans are still in use for training VISMOD purposes), though the 82nd had already been notified that their Sheridans were going to be phased out too, and by 1996, even the 82nd Airborne had no Sheridans. This left the 82nd Airborne and light infantry divisions with no support vehicles that had any heavy firepower or even halfway-decent armor protection. The Army started the High-Survivability Test Vehicle (Lightweight) (HSTV-L) initiative in the early 1980s to find a vehicle to replace the Sheridan, but ultimately the program came to naught. This is despite the fact that several promising and excellent vehicles resulted from HSTV-L. The HSTV-L program had become a tug-of-war toy for the Pentagon, Congress, and the President, as well as for budget-cutters and those who felt that the 82nd Airborne needed no such vehicle. By 1996, the HSTV-L program had become a very low-priority program, and though it is still funded at a low level (little more than enough to keep it alive), it is acknowledged that no vehicle will result from the program.

AAI RDF/LT Round One – the “LAV-75”

The AAI RDF/LT (Rapid Deployment Forces Light Tank) was one of the earliest vehicles to result from the HSTV-L program, with the first prototypes appearing in 1980. The first version (called by the designers of *Twilight 2000* the “LAV-75,” though the vehicle had no actual military designation) was based on a modified M-113A3 APC chassis. The greatest changes were to the suspension, engine, and drive train, as well as having a lower profile and the modifications necessary for a small-turreted vehicle. The hull of the LAV-75 became unrecognizable as something based on the M-113A3.

The LAV-75 has armor of welded aluminum. Though armor thickness was increased dramatically, it is still rather thin. Because of this, the LAV-75 is able to take several add-on armor packages, which would be added on later, and could be added quickly and easily enough that it could be done by crews in a combat zone. One of these packages is a set of simple appliqué aluminum plates for the hull and turret roof, and a set of track skirts. (The turret is too small to take appliqué armor, except on the roof.) Another set is an appliqué armor kit similar to the first kit, but the plates and side skirts are made of ceramic/aluminum sandwich armor; this armor is actually lighter than the aluminum appliqué, but costs more. A third method of added protection is a set of lugs for ERA for the glacis, hull sides, and turret roof. The ERA lugs can be attached to either one of the appliqué armor kits. Though offering much better protection, the appliqué armor kits also add a lot of weight, slowing the LAV-75 down. The LAV-75 also cannot be airdropped with those plates in place.

The engine of the LAV-75 is an Avro-Lycoming M-650 gas-turbine with an output of 650 horsepower and rapid acceleration. The driver's position used the steering wheel of the M-113A3, with pivot steer levers above and in front of the steering wheel. Standard and parking brakes are provided, and the standard brakes and gas pedal are standard pedals. The power pack mounting is innovative; it is accessed from the rear, and can be slid out on rails for service and maintenance. Although the suspension is a modified version of the M-113A3's suspension, the tracks are a modified form of those of the M-551s.

The turret of the LAV-75 is very low-profile, being less than a meter tall. During development, a bustle rack was added at the rear of the turret for crew equipment and any additional gear and ammunition. The most remarkable part of the turret is the main armament – an ARES 75mm autocannon. This gun uses a revolving breech to speed reloading as well as new case-telescoped ammunition with a combustible case. Recoil is largely taken up by a recoil piston, and the rest by a recoiling breech. The LAV-75 has a two-man crew; the commander doubles as a gunner. The commander has a hatch on the turret roof, with a pintle-mounted M-240 machinegun on a contra-rotating cupola. The ARES autocannon has another M-240 as a coaxial machinegun. In an unusual twist, the driver can fire the coaxial machinegun in an emergency, though he cannot fire the autocannon. The commander's sights are located in an armored head atop the turret, and consist of an advanced FLIR imager, an image intensifier (primarily for day use), and a standard telescopic coincidence sight as a backup. A ballistic computer and a laser rangefinder are located in the turret, with the laser firing from a coaxial position opposite the coaxial machinegun. The commander/gunner can access these sights from the cupola if needed, though he cannot aim or fire his machinegun from under armor. In another unusual twist, the driver has his own sight head with a FLIR and image intensifier; he can therefore assist the commander/gunner in finding targets in a sort of hunter/killer setup. The driver also has direct vision blocks for normal driving. Both the driver and the commander/gunner can use direct binocular or monocular sight interfaces to access the information from their sight heads, or may view them on an LCD screen.

In 1982, AAI tested a different, enlarged turret on the LAV-75, which I have called here the LAV-75A1. The new turret is a two-man turret, with a gunner and commander; it is not as low-profile as on the LAV-75, but is still fairly small, with the gunner being more in the hull than in the turret. The LAV-75A1 has a separate sight head for the gunner, allowing for a true hunter/killer capability; as a result, the driver has no ability to fire the coaxial machinegun, and does not have the sight head of the LAV-75. The commander and gunner use the same sight interfaces as on the LAV-75, though the driver has a simple day/night vision block. The new turret is large enough to allow the use of appliqué armor on the turret sides and rear (but not on the front). The LAV-75A1 can also take lugs for ERA on the turret sides and front. Other than the increased weight of the new turret, the LAV-75A1 is basically the same as the LAV-75 in detail.

At the same time, AAI introduced another version of the LAV-75A1 – this one with a box on either side of the turret. This version was designed for anti-aircraft use, and the boxes on either side of the turret could hold four Stinger or three RBS-70 SAMs. The SAM boxes can be elevated or depressed (both together) independent of or in synch with the main gun and coaxial. The sights for the main gun are also be used to fire the SAMs, and all weapons can be fired together; in this case, the commander

fires the SAMs and the gunner fires the main gun and coaxial machinegun. Due to the SAM boxes on the sides of the turret, this version cannot take lugs for ERA on the turret sides, and appliqué armor has to be modified to accommodate the mounts for the SAM launchers. For game purposes, I have dubbed this version the LAV-75A2.

Another version, which I have dubbed the LAV-75A1E1. It essentially the same vehicle as the LAV-75A1, but uses only a two-man crew, Both crewmembers sit up front with all around vision blocks with night channels. The driver is also sort of a vehicle engineer; while the commander is also the gunner and an auxiliary vehicle engineer; he can also drive the vehicle if necessary. He aims and fires the gun through a downlinked panel. The actual sensors are on the roof of the turret. The idea is that the crew would prove less vulnerable due to both crewmembers being in the low-profile hull, and the turret could also be lower profile. A worry is that the two-man crew would be simply overwhelmed by their tasks.

Round Two – The LAV-75A3

The 13.2-Ton Rapid Deployment Forces Light Tank was designed primarily for export. I have dubbed it the “LAV-75A3” here; it was designed with a different gun, as the ARES 75mm autocannon was deemed too advanced at the time of inception to be exported, and because many potential export customers were still using the old 76mm high-velocity gun or had easy access to its ammunition. The LAV-75A3 was developed in parallel with the LAV-75A1 and A2, with production-level prototypes being available for export in 1982.

The LAV-75A3 is for the most part identical to the LAV-75A1, but the 75mm ARES autocannon is replaced with the 76mm M-32 high-velocity gun, which was first used on M-41 Walker Bulldog light tank. This gun was also used by the Dutch on their version of the M-41, and they had developed an APDSFS-T round for the gun to give it a chance against targets with heavier armor. The LAV-75A3 remained air-droppable and was also able to use the appliqué armor and ERA lugs of the LAV-75A1 and A2. The gas turbine of the first three members of the LAV-75 series is not used; instead, a rather low-power 350-horsepower turbocharged diesel engine, coupled with an appropriate transmission and smaller fuel tanks. The GM 6V-53T engine used was almost identical to that of the M-113A3. This was primarily due to US government request; AAI would have preferred to have put a more powerful engine in the LAV-75A3 and standard fuel tanks to make it more attractive to export buyers. As it was, they had none, and Venezuela was the only country to even test the LAV-75A3.

The LAV-75A4 – A Fictional *Twilight 2000* Variant

Fast forward about a decade. The US was looking for a light tank to use as a support vehicle for the 82nd Airborne division as well as a vehicle to supply to other allied countries in a sort of Lend-Lease program – and they needed a vehicle that could be easily put into production, quickly built, and with production farmed out to other companies a la World War 2 production of weapons. AAI stepped up to the plate again; as it was, they still had the production equipment for the earlier LAV-75 variants in storage, and pulled them out in short order and picked up production within 90 days.

Meanwhile, in the intervening time, weapons technology marched on. The new version of the LAV-75, dubbed “LAV-75A4” in its export version and “M-20 Ridgway” in US Army parlance, incorporated a number of new features. The armor suite received an upgrade – most of the armor, except for the rear of the vehicle and turret rear – used a new aluminum/ceramic sandwich armor that is light in weight, yet stronger than the LAV-75s original armor. The glacis used a new version of armor based upon the Chobham principle. Side skirts are standard on the LAV-75A4, and the ammunition is contained in explosion and fire-resistant armored bins, as are the fuel tanks. The LAV-75A4 can use appliqué armor similar to that of the other LAV-75s; however, the turret front is not large enough to take appliqué or ERA. The small straight parts of the turret sides can take appliqué, but the turret roof cannot.

The turret used is a remote “casemate” turret, a modified form of that of the Stryker MGS. This turret is armed with an M-68A1E4 105mm main gun – a modified form of the gun mounted on many earlier NATO tanks and the first generation of M-1 Abrams tanks. This version of the M-68A1 uses a low-pressure firing principle, as well as a shorter 45-caliber gun, with no muzzle brake. It has a fume extractor and a muzzle reference system. The main gun is fed by an autoloader, with a capacity of 20 rounds; the rest is carried in the aforementioned armored bins. To the right is a coaxial machinegun. On either side of the main gun are two clusters of four smoke grenade launchers. The driver is in the usual place, but the gunner’s hatch is to the right of the casemate turret. The commander’s position is on a sponson on the left side of the casemate; while he does not have a commander’s machinegun, he is able to fire the limited-traverse coaxial machinegun, which is directly in front of him. The commander and gunner have their own vision heads, allowing them to act in a hunter/killer arrangement. The driver has standard passive IR, with a TV camera at the rear to assist when backing up.

This led to an increase in weight, and a more powerful engine was installed -- derived from an engine used for a heavy tractor/bulldozer, and coupled to an appropriate transmission. This engine is a Caterpillar D-11T DB multifuel engine; the smaller size of the engine allowed larger fuel tanks to be installed. These fuel tanks are self-sealing and use fire and explosion-dampening technology, and the entire vehicle has fire detection and automatic fire extinguishers.

The LAV-75A5 -- Another Fictional *Twilight 2000* Variant

When ARES designed the XM-274 75mm autocannon, it also designed a 90mm version of this gun. Only two working versions were developed, and though they performed very well (with far better penetration than the 75mm gun), a lack of onboard ammunition as well as a much smaller elevation ability, as well as the size (the resulting vehicle would be too big to airdrop from a C-130 or C-141), the Army decided to forgo a LAV with the 90mm gun. ARES worked up a version on paper that allowed for

more ammunition, but it was too big again for airdrop to work for the 82nd Airborne.

Now to the fictional part. In 1990, increased production of the C-5A and the C-17 made bringing bigger loads to a drop zone tenable, and the Airborne again began to show interest in the LAV-75A5. (The name denoted its kinship with earlier members of the RDF/LT family, and because there was already a LAV-90 in service. Dubbing it the M-27 MacArthur, the vehicles were sent primarily to Light Infantry Divisions, and were also used by the US Marines. Export customers included Taiwan, China (after the Twilight War started), Thailand, Turkey, and Oman. The 90mm ARES M-275 autocannon was capable of blasting out a rapid-fire stream of heavy-caliber fire, and could penetrate even a T-62's or early T-64's frontal armor, and virtually any tank from the side and rear. Light armored vehicles, APCs and IFVs, and unarmored vehicles were fodder. Fire from the 90mm gun could also bring down the wall of a four-storey building in quick order, and three or four flechette rounds could decimate an infantry formation. Unfortunately, the LAV-75A5 did not fare well in fights with better-armored tanks, even with its standard composite armor suite.

Unlike the LAV-75, the LAV-75A5 was based on the M-113A4 (MTVL) chassis instead of the M-113A3, up armored and partially fixing its own shortcomings in its earlier iterations. It was widened and the suspension beefed up. The extra length gave more room for a larger ammunition carousel as well as reloads and special ammunition. The turret was also enlarged, not only to make room for the larger autocannon, but to allow for a small turret bustle to store more ammunition. This unfortunately changes the configuration of the MacArthur, in total makes it a bigger target; however, the turret could be more armored than earlier LAV-75s. It barely slips out the rear door of a C-5 or even a C-17; the long gun also takes up a lot of room inside the bird, but some drop loads carried in addition to LAV-75A5 could be put under the gun. This meant that it saw only limited use by the 82nd Airborne. It did not use most of the appliqué armor packages of the LAV-75 and LAV-75A4; due to the standard composite armor suite of the LAV-75A4, not many appliqué armor types were designed for the MacArthur. Though modifications were often made in the field, the only standard appliqué package was a set of bolt-on aluminum plates bolted on to pre-drilled holes.

Despite the MacArthur's shortcomings, it acquitted itself well in the Twilight War, many surviving to serve into the 2040s.

Experience in the Twilight War

While the 82nd Airborne and some of the light infantry divisions were partially equipped with the original LAV-75 variants (they had a hodgepodge of armor), the LAV-75 variants were primarily supplied to China. The Chinese were only too happy to have more armor, even light armor, and the XVIII Airborne Corps was happy to have a guinea pig for the new, untried vehicles.

By 1995, the picture had become ugly; the ARES 75mm autocannon and the M-32 75mm gun were simply unable to penetrate most enemy frontal armor, and caused less-than-expected damage when hitting enemy armor from the sides. The LAV-75 series had proven to be mechanically reliable with maintenance being quite easy, and the LAV-75 series was decently survivable, particularly if used properly and equipped with appliqué armor packages. The high speed of the LAV-75 series proved to be an important tactical asset; they could practically run circles around enemy armor.

The problem was those guns, and the 82nd Airborne, US light infantry divisions, and the Chinese demanded a better gun. This led to the LAV-75A4 version, using the 105mm low-pressure gun. These vehicles, though still deficient in armor, served with distinction in the Twilight War.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
LAV-75	\$448,548	D, A	500 kg	13.13 tons	2	9	FLIR (D, C), Image Intensification (D, C)	Shielded
LAV-75 w/Apliqué 1	\$449,900	D, A	500 kg	14.82 tons	2	9	FLIR (D, C), Image Intensification (D, C)	Shielded
LAV-75 w/Apliqué 2	\$454,187	D, A	500 kg	14.1 tons	2	9	FLIR (D, C), Image Intensification (D, C)	Shielded
LAV-75A1	\$455,355	D, A	500 kg	13.43 tons	3	10	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A1 w/Apliqué 1	\$457,045	D, A	500 kg	15.15 tons	3	10	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A1 w/Apliqué 2	\$461,234	D, A	500 kg	14.41 tons	3	10	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A2	\$538,336	D, A	500 kg	13.66 tons	3	11	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A2 w/Apliqué 1	\$540,404	D, A	500 kg	15.38 tons	3	11	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A2 w/Apliqué 2	\$544,593	D, A	500 kg	14.64 tons	3	11	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A3	\$295,074	D, A	500 kg	13.2 tons	3	9	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A3 w/Apliqué 1	\$296,765	D, A	500 kg	14.92 tons	3	9	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded

LAV-75A3 w/Appliqué 2	\$299,351	D, A	500 kg	14.18 tons	3	9	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A4	\$388,323	D, A	500 kg	13.03 tons	3	9	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A4 w/Appliqué 1	\$390,014	D, A	500 kg	14.16 tons	3	9	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A4 w/Appliqué 2	\$392,600	D, A	500 kg	14.01 tons	3	9	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75A5	\$446,722	D, A	500 kg	15 tons	3	12	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
LAV-75 w/Appliqué	\$446,992	D, A	500 kg	15.97 tons	3	12	FLIR (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor*
LAV-75	159/111	40/28	409	264	CiH	T2	TF16 TS4 TR4 HF12 HS4 HR4
LAV-75 w/Appliqué 1	145/102	37/26	409	282	CiH	T3	TF16 TS4 TR4 HF17 HS9 HR4
LAV-75 w/Appliqué 2	152/106	38/27	409	274	CiH	T3	TF16 TS4 TR4 HF16Sp HS8Sp HR4
LAV-75A1	156/109	40/28	409	268	CiH	T2	TF16 TS4 TR4 HF12 HS4 HR4
LAV-75A1 w/Appliqué 1	143/100	36/25	409	286	CiH	T3	TF21 TS9 TR4 HF17 HS9 HR4
LAV-75A1 w/Appliqué 2	148/103	37/26	409	278	CiH	T3	TF20Sp TS8Sp TR4 HF16Sp HS8Sp HR4
LAV-75A2	153/106	38/27	409	274	CiH	T2	TF16 TS4 TR4 HF12 HS4 HR4
LAV-75A2 w/Appliqué 1	142/99	36/25	409	296	CiH	T3	TF21 TS9 TR4 HF17 HS9 HR4
LAV-75A2 w/Appliqué 2	143/100	36/25	409	296	CiH	T3	TF20Sp TS8Sp TR4 HF16Sp HS8Sp HR4
LAV-75A3	119/85	31/22	378	164	CiH	T2	TF16 TS4 TR4 HF12 HS4 HR4
LAV-75A3 w/Appliqué 1	108/77	28/20	378	185	CiH	T3	TF21 TS9 TR4 HF17 HS9 HR4
LAV-75A3 w/Appliqué 2	113/81	29/21	378	176	CiH	T3	TF20Sp TS8Sp TR4 HF16Sp HS8Sp HR4
LAV-75A4	183/128	46/32	409	187	CiH	T2	TF10 TS6 TR4 HF15Cp HS6Sp HR4
LAV-75A4 w/Appliqué 1	168/118	42/29	409	204	CiH	T3	TF10 TS8 TR4 HF20Cp HS11Sp HR4
LAV-75A4 w/Appliqué 2	170/119	43/30	409	202	CiH	T3	TF10 TS8Sp TR4 HF19Cp HS10Sp HR4
LAV-75A5	140/104	37/26	409	302	Trtd	T4	TF19Cp TS12Cp TR7Sp HF24Cp HS15Sp HR6
LAV-75 w/Appliqué	132/98	35/24	409	320	Trtd	T4	TF23Cp TS17Cp TR7Sp HF29Sp HS20Sp HR6

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
LAV-75	+4	Good	75mm ARES autocannon, M-240D, M-240D (C)	60x75mm CTA, 2500x7.62mm
LAV-75A1	+4	Good	75mm ARES autocannon, M-240D, M-240D (C)	70x75mm CTA, 3500x7.62mm
LAV-75A2	+4	Good	75mm ARES autocannon, M-240D, M-240D (C), 8xStinger launchers or 6xRBS-70 launchers	60x75mm CTA, 2500x7.62mm, 8xStinger SAM or 6xRBS-70 SAM
LAV-75A3	+4	Good	76mm M-32 Gun, M-240D, M-240D (C)	50x76mm, 2600x7.62mm
LAV-75A4	+4	Good	105mm M-68A1E4 gun, M-240D	36x105mm, 3500x7.62mm
LAV-74A5	+4	Good	90mm ARES autocannon, M-240D, M-240D (C)	50x90mm CTA, 5000x7.62mm

*Turret roof AV for the LAV-75, A1, A2, and A3 variants is 3. With Appliqué 1 armor, the turret roof becomes 5, and the hull floor becomes 4. With Appliqué 2, the turret roof and hull roof become 4Sp and the hull floor is 4.

The LAV-75A4, due to the nature of its casemated turret and more advanced armor, takes appliqué a bit differently. Standard hull roof and turret roof armor (what there is of it) is 3; standard floor armor is 5. With Appliqué 1, the hull floor armor is 6Sp, but the turret roof armor cannot take appliqué. With Appliqué 2, the hull roof armor becomes 6Sp and the floor armor becomes 7Sp; again, the turret roof cannot take this appliqué armor.

Begleitpanzer 57mm

Origin: Germany

Notes: The Begleitpanzer 57mm (Support Tank 57mm) is a light tank based on the Marder chassis. It features a 57mm cannon based on a Bofors naval gun and a TOW or HOT ATGM launcher. The main gun is fed by an autoloader, and married to a comprehensive fire control suite and night vision gear. The main gun's autoloader has four feed chutes that each hold 3 rounds, allowing for quick changes in ammunition type fired. Further rounds are carried in the hull. The missile launcher is likewise loaded by an automatic loader, and there is no need for the crew to expose itself outside the armor envelope. The Begleitpanzer carries a small scout group of 3 troops; these troops can also double as impromptu crew members (usually to replenish the main gun's magazine). The driver has a hatch on the front left hull top. The gunner and commander have hatches in the hull roof. The three troops have a ramp in the rear of the vehicle, and there are two firing ports in each side of the hull and one in the rear.

The Begleitpanzer 57mm was never developed beyond advanced prototypes.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$412,580	D, A	500 kg	30 tons	3+3	12	Image Intensification, Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
167/117	39/27	650	248	Trtd	T4	TF22 TS14 TR11 HF27 HS12 HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	57mm Bofors Gun, TOW II or HOT Launcher, MG-3	148x57mm, 6x TOW II or HOT ATGMs, 5000x7.62mm

BRDM-3

Origin: Russia (Soviet Union)

Notes: Though a version of the BRDM like this was the subject of speculation in the West, it does not seem to actually exist.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This upgrade of the BRDM-2 was only a rumor until shortly before the Twilight War, when a chance encounter by Saudi patrols of the border between Saudi Arabia and Iraq in 1995 resulted in two of them being captured and two destroyed by the LAV-600s the Saudis were using. The BRDM-3 is basically a BRDM-2 fitted with a larger turret housing a 30mm 2A42 autocannon and a PKT coaxial machinegun. The combination of speed, small size, and good firepower that the BRDM-3 afforded proved to be a thorn in the side of Allied, Chinese, NATO forces, and a few were even encountered in North Korea. The basic layout is otherwise unchanged from the BRDM-2 model, though there are improvements in stabilization and night vision equipment, as well as the addition of a video camera with a radio uplink to higher headquarters.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$43,892	G, AvG, A	600 kg	7 tons	2+2	2	Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
152/60	38/15/4	290	81	CiH	W(4)	TF5 TS4 TR3 HF6 HS3 HR2

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Fair	30mm 2A42 Autocannon, PKT	210x30mm, 2000x7.62mm

General Dynamics Expeditionary Tank

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: The Expeditionary Tank was designed for use by light and airborne forces as a fire support vehicle and light tank destroyer. It was developed in the 1980s using as many existing components as possible to save money. The vehicle is a very low profile design, with ammunition stored in the hull and the gun contained in a remote casemate. The gun is well stabilized with accuracy rivaling the M-1 series of tanks. The Expeditionary Tank has very light armor, but an appliqué armor package is available which can be installed in the field in 15 minutes by the crew, and dramatically increases the protection (and nearly doubles the vehicle's weight). Though tested as a possible replacement for the M-551 Sheridan in the airborne armor role and for use in light divisions, it was ultimately rejected for US service (along with every other design meant to replace the Sheridan...)

Twilight 2000 Notes: This was one of the many emergency solutions to the needs of airborne, air assault, and light infantry divisions for lightweight firepower.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
Base	\$305,803	D, A	500 kg	19.05 tons	3	7	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded
Appliqué Armor	\$334,307	D, A	500 kg	30 tons	3	9	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
Base	203/142	47/33	643	202	CiH	T3	TF29 TS13 TR11 HF36Cp HS11Sp HR8
Appliqué Armor	144/101	34/24	643	202	CiH	T3	TF46Sp TS23Sp TR18 HS114Cp HS38Sp HR26

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
(Both)	+4	Good	105mm M-68 Gun, MAG, M-60D (C)	42x105mm, 5000x7.62mm

GKN Reconnaissance Vehicle

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Notes: This British vehicle was built with experience gained in the building of the Warrior and Desert Warrior. The vehicle was taken into limited service in Britain, but the primary customers were Middle Eastern, such as Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, UAE, and Yemen. These vehicles are primarily demonstrators. The armor, though light, is very advanced, and the fire control is likewise advanced. The driver is seated on the front left. The turret is nearly the same as that fitted to the Desert Warrior, but has a more advanced armor package and electronics. The turret also has an optical chemical sniffer installed. The vehicle is fitted with a computerized navigation system with inertial navigation and GPS. Computers also compile information from reconnaissance and relay that information to higher headquarters. Additional sensors are on a mast that can be elevated at the rear of the vehicle.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Production of these vehicles started shortly before the Twilight War, and was quickly stepped up to an accelerated rate.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$375,207	D, A	500 kg	27 tons	3+1	10	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification, Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
136/95	32/22/3	770	194	Trtd	T4	TF24Sp TS18Sp TR18 HF30Cp HS15Sp HR15

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	25mm ChainGun, MAG, 2xTOW II ATGM Launchers	630x25mm, 2000x7.62mm, 5xTOW II ATGM

LMT-105

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Notes: This is a light tank based on modified chassis of the Warrior armored personnel carrier. In this role, armor is improved, and the vehicle is topped with a turret mounting a 105mm NATO-compatible gun. The turret was also fitted as a test to the South African Rooikat armored car. The vehicle may be fitted with appliqué armor, for an increase in HF and TF armor of 8, HS and TS armor of 6, and HR and TR armor of 4. This increases weight by 4 tons, and decreases combat movement by 5.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Several prototypes of this vehicle were built before the war, but volume production did not begin until 1998, and it is a rare vehicle, most often employed in British scout units.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$309,229	D, A	600 kg	29 tons	4	11	Thermal Imaging, Active/Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
124/87	29/20	770	185	Trtd	T4	TF18Sp TS10Sp TR8 HF22Sp HS8Sp HR6

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	105mm NATO Gun, EX-34	32x105mm, 3200x7.62mm

M-2A0 AMTV (Armored Medical Treatment Vehicle)

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle, based on a modified Bradley chassis, allows doctors, nurses, and medics to provide advanced medical care in combat situations. The typical AMTV carries a full range of medical supplies (including a full set of surgical tools, the equivalent of 5 Doctor Medical Bags, enough refills for the personal medical kits of an entire platoon, a full range of drugs, at least 10 units of each blood type, plasma, and IV fluids, and advanced first aid kits). A large refrigerator is carried, as well as a freezer, a 10kW generator for running equipment with the engine off, a defibrillator, Oxygen equipment, medical monitors, and radios to communicate with air as well as ground elements. The crew of the AMTV normally consists of a driver, commander, medic, and nurse, doctor, or physician's assistant.

The M-2A0 AMTV is just one of the many projected possible variants of the Bradley chassis, but so far there is no sign of when or even it will ever enter service.

Twilight 2000 Notes: These vehicles were just reaching the US Army's inventory at the start of the Twilight War, and are thus rather rare.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$104,064	D, A	5.5 tons	25.5 tons	4+6 (or 3 stretcher cases)	13	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
137/96	32/22	662	185	Std	T3	HF3 HS3 HR3

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	M-2HB (C)	400x.50

M-3A3 Bradley III CFV

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle was "designed" by the fertile imaginations of the people at GDW (though I have added a back story and some variants). While there is apparently going to be or already is an M-3A3 in real life, this vehicle is *not* it.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The M-3A3 CFV began production only a few months before the Twilight War; as such, it is a vehicle in rather short supply, despite relatively high production rates. Production continued for a while after the start of US involvement in the Twilight War, and some more were actually converted in the various theaters of the war by means of a "kit," but there were probably never more than 100 or so of them.

Like the M-2A3 IFV, the M-3A3 replaces the standard turret of the M-3 series with a new one using Hellfire ATGM launchers and a laser designator instead of TOW ATGM launchers. The twin launcher was mounted on rails on the left side of the turret instead of the box launcher of standard M-3 series CFVs. In addition, while most of these vehicles used the standard 25mm Bushmaster Chaingun, approximately 25% of the total number were built or supplied with 30mm Bushmaster II Chainguns or 35mm Bushmaster II ChainGuns. The M-3A3 otherwise uses the same sensor suite as standard Bradleys, as well as the improved armor of the M-3A2.

The M-3A3, while considerably slower than the standard M-3 series due to the greatly-increased weight, was nonetheless welcomed by its crews due to the increased firepower it offered.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
M-3A3 (25mm)	\$380,926	D, A	1.34 tons	36.09 tons	3+3	12	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded
M-3A3 (30mm)	\$409,825	D, A	1.34 tons	35.61 tons	3+3	12	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded
M-3A3 (35mm)	\$438,724	D, A	1.34 tons	35.67 tons	3+3	12	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
M-3A3 (All)	116/81	27/19/3	662	175	Trtd	T4	TF11Sp TS11Sp TR6 HF13 HS8Sp HR6

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
M-3A3 (25mm)	+4	Good	25mm ChainGun, MAG, 2xHellfire Launchers	1200x25mm, 2900x7.62mm, 7xHellfire ATGM
M-3A3 (30mm)	+4	Good	30mm Bushmaster II, MAG, 2xHellfire Launchers	900x30mm, 2900x7.62mm, 7xHellfire ATGM
M-3A3	+4	Good	35mm Bushmaster III, MAG,	750x35mm, 2900x7.62mm, 7xHellfire

(35mm)

2xHellfire Launchers

ATGM

M-8 Buford AGS

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle falls somewhere between a light tank and a light armored vehicle. It was designed for use by airborne units, able to be airdropped or LAPSEd, and its modular construction allows it to be carried in aircraft. It is based on the chassis of the M-2 Bradley, and carries a turret armed with a low-pressure version of the standard 105mm NATO gun. The turret has ammunition storage bins equipped with blowout panels; if a turret (but not a hull) hit results in an ammunition explosion, the Buford is not destroyed and the crew killed. Instead, all the ammunition in the turret (up to 15 rounds) is destroyed, all armament takes minor damage; all sensors take major damage, and each member of the crew takes 50 points of concussion damage. There are three levels of modular armor protection available; these are indicated by slashes for Level 1/2/3 armor. Each configuration has lugs for reactive armor on the HF, HS, TF, and TS. It takes about an hour to take the Buford from Level 1 to Level 2 armor using 4 people, and another hour and a half to go from Level 2 to 3. There has been talk lately of resurrecting the Buford program, but there are no firm plans.

Twilight 2000 Notes: In the Twilight 2000 world, this vehicle program was never killed; it replaced about half of the Sheridans in the 82nd Airborne Division, and also was used by the 101st Air Assault Division, some Light Divisions, and even some heavier formations.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
Level 1 Armor	\$272,737	D, A	450 kg	18.05 tons	3	8	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded
Level 2 Armor	\$275,053	D, A	450 kg	20.82 tons	3	8	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded
Level 3 Armor	\$279,102	D, A	450 kg	23.59 tons	3	9	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
Level 1 Armor	190/133	44/31	568	195	Trtd	T4	TF6 TS6Sp TR4Sp HF4 HS3 HR4Sp
Level 2 Armor	169/118	39/28	568	195	Trtd	T4	TF6 TS6Sp TR4Sp HF8Sp HS6Sp HR4Sp
Level 3 Armor	152/106	35/25	568	195	Trtd	T4	TF16Sp TS16Sp TR4Sp HF20Sp HS14Sp HR4Sp

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
(All)	+2	Good	105mm LP Gun, MAG, M-2HB (C)	30x105mm, 4500x7.62mm, 600x.50BMG

M-41 Walker Bulldog Experimental Variants

Country of Origin: (M-41CG) United States; (M-41GTI) Germany

Notes: These two versions of the M-41 were designed Cadillac Gage (in the case of the M-41CG) and Rheinmetall (in the case of the M-41GTI) with idea of selling them as kit-type upgrades to countries already using the M-41 and desiring to keep them in service for whatever reason. Several countries apparently considered and possibly even tested these upgrades, but ultimately none actually bought the upgrades.

The M-41CG is an upgrade package designed by Cadillac Gage. This upgrade basically places the turret of Cadillac Gage's Stingray light tank on the chassis of the M-41. To cope with the increased weight, Cadillac Gage also installs a more powerful engine. In addition, radios, electronics, transmission, and electrical components are also upgraded, a fire control computer is installed, and lugs are added to the turret front and sides for ERA. The result is a Walker Bulldog which, while slightly slower, also has firepower far superior to the original M-41 series, as well as improved fire control and gun stabilization.

The M-41GTI is a German-designed upgrade package using the same sort of idea as the M-41CG; however, the replacement turret is taken from the Leopard 1A1. As with the M-41CG, Rheinmetall also installs a more powerful engine and fire control computer, as well as upgrading the radios, electronics, electrical systems, and transmission. The gun stabilization is not quite as good as that of the M-41CG, but the result is basically the same: a much more powerful version of the Walker Bulldog.

Twilight 2000 Notes: While the M-41GTI found a few scattered buyers in various places in the world, the M-41CG upgrade found many more -- especially in Taiwan, where almost all of their M-41 fleet was upgraded to the M-41CG standard.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
M-41CG	\$261,349	G, A	700 kg	30.5 tons	4	11	Passive IR	Enclosed

M-41GTI	\$251,349	G, A	700 kg	30.5 tons	4	11	WL/IR Searchlight, Active/Passive IR	Enclosed
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Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
M-41CG	107/75	25/18	530	268	Trtd	T4	TF32 TS11 TR10 HF12 HS6 HR6
M-41GTI	107/75	25/18	530	268	Trtd	T4	TF30 TS14 TR10 HF12 HS6 HR6

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
M-41CG	+4	Good	105mm Gun, MAG, M-2HB (C)	40x105mm, 5500x7.62mm, 2250x.50
M-41GTI	+4	Fair	105mm Gun, MG3, MG3 (C)	40x105mm, 5500x7.62mm

M-551 Sheridan/Stingray

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This was initially a test program by Cadillac Gage for a proposed upgrade to the M-551 Sheridan. A few prototypes were built to demonstrate the viability of the concept, but the Army passed on the idea.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The US Army in 1994 began phasing out their M-551 Sheridan light tanks from the inventories of all but the 82nd Airborne and 101st Air Assault Divisions. With the development of the M-8 Buford in 1995, the M-551 seemed to be facing extinction. However, the production rate of the M-8 was initially only 300 per year; this left the US military in a terrible bind, because they had promised 100 of the M-8s to Taiwan, leaving only 200 Bufords dispersed over the whole of the Army, including the Airborne divisions. A stopgap measure was suggested by fitting Cadillac Gage Stingray turrets to the smaller CG Commando chassis to produce what were nicknamed "Stingray Juniors." These caught the eye of some but the Army never adopted any; however, the Anniston Army Depot began experiments of retrofitting the Stingray turret to a modified M-551 body. The result was a vehicle which was hurried into production in late 1996, with an initial rate of conversion of estimated to be 75-150 per year. Anniston Army Depot went further with its conversions by producing spare parts for the M-551 Sheridan body; Cadillac Gage provided spare parts for the Stingray turret. Rudimentary changes made to the design included an upgraded armor plate on the underside of the vehicle to protect it from antitank mines. Many of the problems were fixed with the removal of the 152mm Gun/Missile Launcher, especially the rangefinder problem, which was solved by using the CG turret. Experiments were done with adding ERA by the 82nd Airborne while on maneuvers at Fort Irwin.

In the end, the development and adoption of the LAV-75 and continued production of the M-8 doomed the would-be adoption of the modified M-551 Sheridan/Stingray, and the 50-75 production models which had been converted are spread out across Alabama (Anniston Army Depot), Kentucky (Fort Campbell and Knox), and California (Fort Irwin). Unmodified versions of the M-551 with 152mm Gun/Missile Launchers can be found in large numbers at Fort Irwin (some 330 at last count), providing a large amount of spare parts. It is believed that many of these vehicles in California have been deployed to counter Soviet/Mexican-backed attacks into California and Texas. Stock models of the M-551 had been converted prior to the war to resemble many Soviet vehicles for use in training at Fort Irwin.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$310,888	D, A	2.26 tons	15.25 tons	4	7	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
112/78	26/18/3	598	92	Trtd	T2	TF32 TS11 TR210 HF16 HS3 HR3

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	105mm gun, MAG, M-2HB (C)	30x105mm, 2400x7.62mm, 1100x.50

PT-57

Origin: Russia (Soviet Union)

Notes: This vehicle appears to have existed only on the drawing board, and no working examples were actually produced.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This variant of the PT-76 light tank is so rare that it has almost never been seen in the hands of normal troops. If it is encountered, it is almost certain that one has encountered airborne or Spetsnaz troops. In this version, the normal turret of the PT-76 has been replaced with one mounting a 57mm S-40 autocannon. The PT-57 is meant for heavy, rapid-fire support of infantry and antiaircraft use.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$75,000 (-/-)	D, A	800 kg	13.5 tons	3	7	Passive IR	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
94/66	22/15/2	250+180	80	Trtd	T3	TF12 TS4 TR4 HF12 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	57mm S-40 Autocannon, PKT	60x57mm, 1000x7.62mm

PT-90

Country of Origin: Israel

Notes: This is an Israeli modification of the PT-76. Original modifications were made for Indonesia, which has a number of old PT-76s. In the PT-90, the 76mm main gun is replaced by a Cockerill 90mm NATO gun, the coaxial machinegun is replaced by a MAG, a commander's machinegun has been added, and the engine is replaced with a version of the one used in the M-113 series of armored personnel carriers. The gun has been stabilized and new fire control equipment is added. As the new engine is smaller and lighter, more fuel has been added. Primarily designed as an upgrade package for countries already using the PT-76, the PT-90 has not as yet (officially) received any interest.

Twilight 2000 Notes: During the Twilight War, captured PT-76s were modified to this standard and used by the Israeli military, and some modifications were done for the Egyptians.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$179,509	D, A	325 kg	15.35 tons	3	8	Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
126/88	32/22/3	250+180	88	Trtd	T3	TF10 TS6 TR6 HF12 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Good	90mm Cockerill Gun, MAG, MAG (C)	40x90mm, 2000x7.62mm

PT-100

Country of Origin: Russia (Soviet Union)

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is the idea of a friend of mine, [Antti Henttu](#). I have provided a small back story, however. It should be noted that Rafael of Israel has come up with a PT-76 upgrade turret kit that uses an updated version of the 100mm gun of the T-55 along with a greatly-enhanced fire control and night vision suite as well as improved armor protection, but the PT-100 presented here is not the vehicle presented here.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle is the answer to US light tanks such as the M-8 Ridgeway and Stingray. It entered service in about 1994, but was not seen in the hands of normal troops. If one encounters this vehicle, one has almost certainly encountered airborne, Spetsnaz, or Naval Infantry troops. The PT-100 is basically a PT-76 chassis with the turret of a BMP-3 IFV mounted in place of the normal turret. The vehicle is meant to protect armored personnel carriers of those types of troops. The BMP-3 turret may use BMP-3 appliqué armor.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$377,602	D, A	500 kg	14.3 tons	3	8	Passive IR, Image Intensification	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
104/73	24/17/3	250+100	58	Trtd	T3	TF11 TS4 TR4 HF12 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+1	Good	100mm rifled gun, 30mm 2A24 autocannon, PKT	40x100mm, 6xAT-10 ATGM, 500x30mm, 2000x7.62mm

R3

Country of Origin: Italy

Notes: This vehicle looks like something out a science fiction movie, with its long, low, slender silhouette. The chassis is based on that of the Gorgona, while the body is long and wedge shaped, with armor sloped on all sides. The driver is at the front with windows directly in front and to the sides; he has a hatch on top of his compartment. The commander's position is to the rear and right of the driver's position. To the rear is a hatchway that can be fitted with a variety of weapons stations or light turrets. On each side of the hull is another door, and to the rear of those doors is a firing port with vision block.

The T 12.7 FA has an externally mounted M-2HB machinegun that may be aimed and fired from within the vehicle. The T 7.62 FA is the same, but has a lighter machinegun. The T 20 FA-HS is also similar, but uses a 20mm autocannon. The Folgore x2 FA has two Folgore recoilless rifles and a light machinegun; these cannot be aimed or fired from within the vehicle. (The Folgore are treated as being mounted on a tripod with optronic sight.) The T 106 x2 FA is similar to the Folgore vehicle, but uses two M-40A2 106mm recoilless rifles and has no machinegun. As might be guessed, the TOW FA has a TOW II system.

The R3 was never actually put into production.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
T 12.7 FA	\$24,081	D, A	300 kg	3.5 tons	3+2	2	Passive IR	Shielded
T 7.62 FA	\$19,975	D, A	300 kg	3.47 tons	3+2	2	Passive IR	Shielded
T 20 FA-HS	\$28,386	D, A	300 kg	3.5 tons	3+2	2	Passive IR	Shielded
Folgore x2 FA	\$59,535	D, A	300 kg	3.5 tons	3+2	2	Passive IR	Shielded
T 106 x2 FA	\$66,620	D, A	300 kg	3.5 tons	3+2	2	Passive IR	Shielded
TOW FA	\$47,224	D, A	300 kg	3.5 tons	3+2	3	Passive IR	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
T 12.7 FA	206/82	52/21/5	80	34	CiH	W(2)	TF2 TS2 TR2 HF4 HS3 HR3
T 7.62 FA	206/82	52/21/5	80	34	CiH	W(2)	TF2 TS2 TR2 HF4 HS3 HR3
T 20 FA-HS	206/82	52/21/5	80	34	CiH	W(2)	TF2 TS2 TR2 HF4 HS3 HR3
Folgore x2 FA	206/82	52/21/5	80	34	CiH	W(2)	TF1 TS1 TR1 HF4 HS3 HR3
T 106 x2 FA	206/82	52/21/5	80	34	CiH	W(2)	TF1 TS1 TR1 HF4 HS3 HR3
TOW FA	206/82	52/21/5	80	34	CiH	W(2)	TF1 TS1 TR1 HF4 HS3 HR3

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
T 12.7 FA	+1	Basic	M-2HB	500x.50
T 7.62 FA	+1	Basic	MG-42/59	500x7.62mm
T 20 FA-HS	+1	Basic	20mm Rh-202 Autocannon	300x20mm
Folgore x2 FA	+1	None	2xFolgore Recoilless Rifles, MG-42/59	10x80mm Rockets, 400x7.62mm
T 106 x2 FA	+1	None	2xM-40A2 106mm Recoilless Rifles	10x106mm Rockets
TOW FA	None	None	TOW II Launcher	8xTOW II ATGM

RPX 90

Country of Origin: France

Notes: This is another one of those interesting vehicles that never made it past the prototype stage. The RPX 90 is a 4x4 light wheeled chassis mounting a MARS casemate turret with a 90mm gun. It was intended to be a reconnaissance vehicle with a low silhouette and excellent mobility. The driver is in the center front of the vehicle with bulletproof windows to the sides and front. The commander and gunner sit to either side of the casemate, and they have a hatch on the left side of the hull.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$214,892	D, A	400 kg	10 tons	3	6	Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
186/74	47/19	200	84	CiH	W(3)	TF6 HS6 TR6 HF8 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	90mm Giat Super 90, AAT-F1	60x90mm, 2000x7.62mm

RPX 3000

Country of Origin: France

Notes: The French are aggressively shopping around this vehicle, with no official orders yet.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is a light scout car that was ordered into production by the French during the Twilight War for internal security work and patrolling of the "Dead Zone" along the Rhine River. It was known to be a quick and maneuverable vehicle that was a thorn in the side of many a refugee.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$27,996	D, A	300 kg	3.5 tons	2+2	5	Passive IR	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor

252/100	63/25/7	120	46	Std	W(2)	HF3 HS2 HR2
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Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	AAT-F1 (C); M-2HB, Mk-19, or Milan II Launcher	1600x7.62mm; 950x.50, or 300x40mm, or 6xMilan II

Vextra 105

Country of Origin: France

Notes: This is the scout car variant of the Vextra 25 armored personnel carrier, designed to replace the AMX-10RC in French service and the Luchs in German service. The turret is replaced with a much larger one mounting a 105mm NATO gun.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Perhaps 25 of these vehicles had been produced for each army before production stopped for Germany. French vehicles were largely deployed to the Middle East.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$373,574	D, A	400 kg	34 tons	4	10	Thermal Imaging, Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
152/60	38/15	580	234	Trtd	W(6)	TF16Sp TS10Sp TR10 HF20Sp HS7Sp HR7

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	105mm M-68 gun, AAT-F1 or MG-3	45x105mm, 2800x7.62mm

VPX 5000

Country of Origin: France

Notes: This is another of those neat little vehicles that never quite made it into production. The VPX 5000 is a small scout APC, similar in concept to the US M-114, but with a more versatile chassis able to mount several weapons mixes. The MCT (MILAN Compact Turret) is a small mount for two MILAN ATGM launchers. The version with a HOT Launcher has a simple external HOT ATGM. THE MASCOT/MILAN has an externally-mounted remote machinegun and an external MILAN launcher. The BTM-208 turret has two machineguns. It is very light and has reasonable performance, but nothing outstanding (other than speed), and that probably led to its demise.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
MCT Turret	\$55,635	D, A	300 kg	5.5 tons	3	2	Passive IR	Enclosed
HOT Launcher	\$36,521	D, A	300 kg	5.48 tons	3	2	Passive IR	Enclosed
MASCOT/MILAN	\$38,886	D, A	300 kg	5.51 tons	4	2	Passive IR	Enclosed
BTM-208 Turret	\$18,392	D, A	300 kg	5.5 tons	3	2	Passive IR	Enclosed

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
MCT Turret	224/157	52/37	220	53	CiH	T2	TF1 TS1 TR1 HF4 HS2 HR2
HOT Launcher	225/158	52/37	220	53	Std	T2	HF4 HS2 HR2
MASCOT/MILAN	224/157	52/37	220	53	Std	T2	HF4 HS2 HR2
BTM-208 Turret	224/157	52/37	220	53	CiH	T2	TF2 TS2 TR2 HF4 HS2 HR2

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
MCT Turret	+1	None	2xMILAN Launchers	8xMILAN ATGM
HOT Launcher	None	None	HOT Launcher	6xHOT ATGM
MASCOT/MILAN	None	None	MILAN Launcher, AAT-F1	6xMILAN ATGM, 500x7.62mm
BTM-208 Turret	+1	Basic	M-2HB, AAT-F1	300x.50, 500x7.62mm

Ze'ev Mobile Armored Gun System (MAGS)

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is the invention of Frank Frey, designer of many of the *Twilight 2000* modules.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The Ze'ev was designed and built in Israel in the late 1980's as a low cost alternative to the Merkava Mk 1 MBT. It carries its main armament in a remote control turret with an auto loader system. The commander, driver, and gunner ride in the chassis. They each have a separate hatch on the chassis deck.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$326,527	D, A	400 kg	21 tons	3	9	Active/Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor	
156/109	36/26	650	179	CIH	T4	TF13Cp TS14 TR8 HF16Cp HS12Sp HR6	

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament		Ammunition
+4	Good	105mm Gun, MAG, MAG (C)		40x105mm, 2500x7.62mm

Ze'ev MAGS-60

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is the invention of Frank Frey, designer of many of the *Twilight 2000* modules.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is a variant of the basic system mounting a 60mm hypervelocity autocannon in a remote controlled turret.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$325,615	D, A	400 kg	19.33 tons	3	8	Active/Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor	
154/108	36/25	650	128	CIH	T4	TF13 TS14 TR8 HF16 HS12Sp HR6	

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament		Ammunition
+4	Good	60mm HVMS, MAG, MAG (C)		180x60mm, 2500x7.62mm

Iraqi MT-LB 120mm Mortar Carrier

Country of Origin: Iraq

Notes: This is a modification of the standard MT-LB APC. The vehicle carries a battery of 120mm M-43 mortars, one in the rear inside the armor and 4 mounted externally as the rear. All mortars fire towards the rear of the vehicle; they are in fact attached to the rear of the vehicle, except for one which is mounted within the vehicle. The MT-LBs load carrying ability is used primarily to carry the large amount of crew required to supply these mortars, and the vehicle is normally followed by other MT-LBs carrying the vast amount of ammunition required to feed the mortars. Doubtless the vehicles would have to be followed around by ammunition supply vehicles. There is no evidence that this vehicle was ever mass-produced; in fact, it may have been built simply to impress Saddam Hussein. It is an interesting "what-if."

Twilight 2000 Notes: The 5 examples of this vehicle were quickly fielded during the Twilight War, and just as quickly abandoned as impractical. Three were known to have been converted back to conventional single mortar carriers, and 2 were destroyed before this could be done.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$168,355	D, A	300 kg	13.9 tons	12	16	Headlights	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
117/82	25/20	450	88	Std	T3	HF5 HS2 HR2

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	5xM-43 120mm Mortars, PK (C)	20x120mm, 5000x7.62mm

Hagglunds Pbv-401GRK

Country of Origin: Sweden

Notes: I believe that prototypes of this vehicle were built as experiments, but production vehicles were never actually built.

This mortar-carrying vehicle is another Swedish modification of the MT-LB. The basic MT-LB chassis is externally similar, though it does have a large turret at the rear of the vehicle. This turret is a variant of the CV-9040's turret, but mounts a 120mm breech-loading mortar with a coaxial machinegun. On either side of the turret is a line of four smoke grenade launchers. Atop the turret are hatches for the commander and gunner, while the two loaders enter and exit the vehicle primarily through the gunner's hatch. Internally, it is quite cramped, with ammunition stored in front where the commander's seat used to be and at the rear (making the still-present rear door virtually useless). The mortar is in the turret, and is just rear of the center of the vehicle. The driver is at the front left of the vehicle. Laying the mortar is generally done with an MBC, though legacy equipment is still carried. Likewise, though the vehicle has an additional long-range data-capable radio, there is room for one more, and this was often occupied with a "crew entertainment system." The mortar is not designed to be dismounted and the vehicle has no extra bipod, baseplate, or ground-mount sight. Though minor changes in deflection can be made without moving the turret, deflections of more than 3 degrees must be made by turning the turret. The mortar can elevate and depress from -4 to 85 degrees, however, making near shots as well as direct fire possible. The Pbv-401GRK does, in fact, normally carry a small amount of antivehicle and antiarmor rounds. There is little in the way of gun stabilization. (The mortar fires over the front of the vehicle, or more properly, in the direction the turret is facing. The driver has a night vision sight, and the gunner passive IR as well as advanced image intensification. The commander is limited to standard image intensification, though he can tap into the gunner's sights. On each side of the vehicle, on either side of the gun position, is a firing port; this is a simple firing port that is a simple hole in the armor with a shutter. These ports lever shut for a positive seal, as the Pbv-401GRK has an NBC overpressure system with common mask interfaces as a backup. The engine upgrade to 290 horsepower was done, but the small turret with a machinegun was removed. Any deck hatches other than the driver, commander, or loader's hatches were removed. The rear-mounted turret makes the Pbv-401GRK too unbalanced to allow the vehicle to swim.

Twilight 2000 Notes: In the Twilight 2000 timeline, the three prototypes were brought up to a common standard with the 10 other examples that managed to be modified from their existing MT-LB fleet. They did not survive long enough to receive any wartime improvements or appliqué armor.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$216,812	D, A	492 kg	13.93 tons	5	22	Passive IR (D, G), Advanced Image Intensification (G), Image Intensification (C)	Enclosed

Tr	Com	Fuel	Fuel	Config	Susp	Armor
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Mov	Mov	Cap	Cons					
146/102	36/23	450	143	Std	T3	TF7	TS4	TR3 HF5 HS2 HR2

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+1	Basic	120mm TDA MO 120 RT, PKT, PKM (G)	50x120mm, 4000x7.62mm

KMZ BMP Automortar

Country of Origin: Russia (Soviet Union)

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life, though the Czechs do make a similar vehicle. This one is the product of the designers at GDW.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is a turretless BMP-2 with an 82mm Vasilyek mounted in the chassis in place of the turret. The mortar fires over the rear of the vehicle, and is not capable of direct fire from the vehicle. Characteristics are the same except for reduced passenger capabilities. The mortar can be lowered so that the roof hatches may be closed. One firing port on each side and one in the rear are retained and may still be used.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist in the Merc 2000 timeline.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$180,796	D, G, AvG, A	1.5 tons	11.25 tons	4	14	Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
102/72	20/15/2	462	94	Std	T2	HF8 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	82mm Vasilyek automortar, PKT (C)	40x82mm, 1000x7.62mm

M-18

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is a product of the imaginations of the designers at GDW, though I have considerably added to the back story.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is a limited-production version of the M-2 Bradley IFV. In this version, the turret is removed and the firing ports plated over. In the passenger space is mounted a turntable with a 120mm mortar. The vehicle carries a baseplate and bipod so that the mortar can be dismounted and fired away from the vehicle. The M-18 was produced only when production of the M-1064A3 mortar carrier version of the M-113A3 fell behind and more mortar carriers were need in a hurry. In addition, the modifications were available as a kit for use in Bradleys that had irreparably damaged turrets but still useable hulls, and some were modified in-theatre by third-echelon maintenance shops. Despite this, these vehicles were far rarer than the M-1064A3. The hull front driver's hatch is retained, as is the rear ramp; opposite the driver's hatch is a commander's hatch with a weapon mount, and on the rear deck is a large double hatch for the mortar. The M-18 was, basically, an in-theater modification, an extreme example of BDAR.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist in the Merc 2000 timeline.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$128,065	D, A	1 ton	20 tons	5	16	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
121/84	25/20/2	662	141	Std	T4	HF8 HS4Sp HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	120mm M-121 mortar, MAG (C)	88x120mm, 2200x7.62mm

Streaker/LAU-97

Country of Origin: Belgium

Notes: This Belgian vehicle is the LAU-97 multiple rocket launcher mounted on the British-made Streaker chassis. It is in service with Belgium, and Indonesia. The load area of the Streaker is largely taken up with a 40-round launching box and the associated mounting machinery, though there is still much room for the crew's supplies or extra launching boxes. Note that the entire cab is protected by the HF armor value from all angles, not just the front. This particular combination (Streaker and LAU-97) has so far been presented only as a demonstrator.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Belgium hurried 24 examples of this vehicle into production in time to use against French forces. The survivors were subsequently used by the French during their invasion of Holland, Luxembourg, and Germany.

Merc 2000 Notes: The British are using 8 of these vehicles as an experiment as of 2000. The Belgians have sold some to an unnamed Middle Eastern country, and to Mexico.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$121,469	G, AvG, A	2 tons	10.8 tons	3	7	Headlights	Shielded (Cab Only)

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
140/98	30/20	320	70	Trtd	T2	TF2 TS2 TR2 HF6 HS1 HR1

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	40-Round LAU-97 MRL	40-Round LAU-97 MRL

M-72

Nation of Origin: Israel

Notes: In 1986, Israel converted some of its older Centurion tanks to carry a turret mounting a 155mm howitzer. There were only a few of these conversions, however, as a decision was made to concentrate on the development of a new SP howitzer, the Slammer (q.v.). Those that were converted were placed in reserve status, but these were only a very few.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
M-72 (L/33 Gun)	\$285,316	G, A	500 kg	45 tons	5	16	Passive IR	Shielded
M-72 (L/39 Gun)	\$300,475	G, A	500 kg	45.4 tons	5	16	Passive IR	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
M-72 (L/33 Gun)	99/69	20/15	1037	421	Trtd	T6	TF16 TS12 TR8 HF20 HS10 HR6
M-72 (L/39 Gun)	98/69	20/15	1037	421	Trtd	T6	TF16 TS12 TR8 HF20 HS10 HR6

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
M-72 (L/33 Gun)	+1	Basic	155mm L/33 Howitzer, M-2HB (C)	60x155mm, 1400x.50
M-72 (L/39 Gun)	+1	Basic	155mm L/39 Howitzer, M-2HB (C)	60x155mm, 1400x.50

T-6

Country of Origin: South Africa

Notes: This South African vehicle was designed for the Indian self-propelled howitzer competition. The turret is developed from the turret of the G-6, and the chassis is taken from captured and home-manufactured T-72 chassis. The turret has ammunition-loading hatches on the right and left, and a conveyor belt may be extended from either of these hatches for ammunition loading or direct feeding of the gun from a ground pile. There are two hatches on the roof of the turret. The vehicle is equipped with GPS and a fire control computer for direct laying of the gun, or firing at a target where the location is known.

Twilight 2000 Notes: When the Twilight War broke out, the remaining prototypes were taken into South African service and production was begun.

Merc 2000 Notes: After losing in the Indian SP Howitzer competition, one prototype T-6 was placed in a museum, and the rest dismantled.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$404,657	D, A	400 kg	46 tons	6	17	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
117/82	25/20	1000+400	274	Trtd	T6	TF14 TS7 TR7 HF100 HS14 HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+1	Basic	155mm L/52 Howitzer, M-2HB (C)	45x155mm, 550x.50

XM-2001 Crusader

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: The Crusader is a completely automated system, with the gun and ammunition being aimed, loaded, and fired by remote control. The turret is unoccupied, with the weapons being operated by the crew in the front of the hull. The gun is laid and controlled by computer. The Crusader requires no FDC and its fire control system is totally self-contained, requiring only information from forward observers or reconnaissance aircraft. Accurate fire can begin within three phases of a halt. Rate of fire is vastly improved over normal howitzers, as is armor protection and fire control for direct fire. Note that the turret is only capable of traverse 20 degrees on either side of center, but the vehicle is capable of rapid pivot steers for larger deflection changes. If the turret is penetrated in combat, no crew casualties are possible. The Crusader has become a political football in the budgetary process; the last I heard, it has been cancelled, but this has gone back and forth several times.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist, except for four evaluation vehicles that were used against the Mexicans in Texas.

Merc 2000 Notes: The Crusader made it through the budgetary process, but the first vehicles were not delivered to operational units until 2008.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$486,432	D, G, AvG, A	850 kg	40 tons	3	15	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
121/85	25/20	700	242	Trtd	T5	TF13 TS7 TR7 HF16 HS5 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	155mm L/56 howitzer, M-2HB	60x155mm, 2000x.50

XM-2002 Crusader RSV

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: These vehicles are issued to units along with the Crusader SPH; they are issued as a set. The Crusader RSV (ReSupply Vehicle) was designed to carry ammunition and fuel for the Crusader SPH and resupply the howitzer in action. It does this through a docking port that hooks onto the Crusader SPH in the rear of the turret. The ammunition is conveyed automatically to the Crusader SPHs magazines, and fuel is transferred to the Crusader's fuel tanks. Ammunition is conveyed at the rate of one round per two phases. Fuel is transferred at the rate of 5 liters per phase. The Crusader RSV has a remote cupola with an M-2HB; as with the SPH, the refueling and rearming process is completely automated and the crew sits in the front of the vehicle under the glacis plate. The Crusader has become a political football in the budgetary process; the last I heard, it has been cancelled, but this has gone back and forth several times.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist, except for four evaluation vehicles that were used against the Mexicans in Texas.

Merc 2000 Notes: The Crusader made it through the budgetary process, but the first vehicles were not delivered to operational units until 2008.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$574,076	D, G, AvG, A	1 ton	33 tons	3	13	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
121/85	25/20	1400	179	Strd	T5	HF16 HS5 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Fair	M-2HB	2000x.50, 60x155mm (Rounds Only)

BAE Sabre

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; I don't know if it was a concept vehicle or a product of the imaginations of the designers at GDW, however.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This British heavy antiaircraft vehicle is the hull of a Chieftain main battle tank topped with a modified and more heavily armored version of the turret from a French AMX-13 DCA antiaircraft vehicle. In this role, the turret is well protected and has large external ammunition bins for the greater ammunition supply carried. The Sabre proved to be a very difficult target for enemy aircraft, being well protected, supplied with large amounts of ammunition, and having an excellent fire control system. Perhaps its only failing was the slow speed of its Chieftain chassis. Unfortunately, only about 40 of them made it to war with the British Army. The driver's position is retained, and to the right and rear of the driver's position is the commander's position. On the turret roof is the gunner's hatch.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$167,713	D, A	500 kg	50 tons	3	32	Radar, Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
102/72	26/18	950	265	Trtd	T6	TF34 TS11 HR7 HF84Sp HS18Sp HR10

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	2x30mm 30mm Giat 30 M 781	2400x30mm

BAE Warrior ADATS Vehicle

Country of Origin: Great Britain

Notes: This is the chassis of the British Warrior ICV fitted with the same turret as the US M-924 ADATS vehicle. It has not been fielded, and probably will never be fielded in the form presented here.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle was a latecomer to the Twilight War, being initially fielded in late 1997. Few of these vehicles, perhaps less than 40, were actually built, and most were retained for use in the British Isles, with perhaps a quarter making it to the European mainland. All hatches except for the rear deck hatch are retained.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$322,774	D, A	200 kg	25.5 tons	4	22	FLIR, Passive IR, Radar	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
126/88	32/22	770	190	Trtd	T4	TF8 TS4 TR4 HF10 HS3 HR3

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Basic	8xADATS launchers	16xADATS missiles

BMV M-975A3 Roland II

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This is the same turret and fire control system as fitted to the German Marder-based Roland surface to air missile system, but fitted for US use to the chassis of an M-109 self-propelled howitzer. The missile system is automatically reloaded when the launchers are empty from a magazine and reloader at the rear of the vehicle; this system may also be used manually if only one launcher is expended. This vehicle was never put into production.

Twilight 2000 Notes: These systems began production in the late 1980s and were fairly common during the Twilight War, though they were used only by the US Army and Air Force.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$214,025	D, A	400 kg	26 tons	4	24	Radar, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr	Com	Fuel	Fuel	Config	Susp	Armor

Mov	Mov	Cap	Cons	Trtd	T4	TF2 TS2 TR2 HF10 HS3 HR3
101/71	24/17	511	143			

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Basic	2xRoland II Launchers	12xRoland SAMs

Boeing M-21 Laser ADA

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it was invented by the designers of *Twilight 2000* at GDW, along with its companion vehicle, the M-22 LGV, below.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is the actual weapon-carrying component of the M-21/22 antiaircraft system. Like the M-22, it is based on a LAV-75 chassis; instead of a standard turret, the vehicle has one with a long, cherry picker lift mounting the 300Mw laser. The M-21 has a capacitor that can store the energy needed for three shots; to make further shots, the M-21 must be hooked up to the M-22 LGV.

The laser in the M-21 follows special fire rules. A die roll is made to hit; the laser hits on any number except for a 20 if a lock is made first. Making a lock on requires one phase and is an Easy: Electronics or Average: Heavy Gun task. Without this lock-on, hitting with the laser is an Average: Electronics or Difficult: Heavy Gun task at short range. The accuracy of the laser is degraded by two places in light fog, rain, or snow, and three places in heavy fog, rain, or snow; with the lock on, accuracy under these circumstances allows the laser to hit on every die roll except a 18-20 in light precipitation or 13-20 in heavy precipitation. There are three hatches on the front deck of the vehicle; these are for (from right to left) the commander, gunner, and driver. The commander's hatch has a weapon mount.

This was a rather rare vehicle in the Twilight War; despite it having been okayed for production status in 1996, production was done at a very low rate, and perhaps only 40 sets (M-21 and M-22) were made. 10 of these were retained for use in the continental US, 15 to the Middle East, 10 to Europe, and 5 to Korea. It is possible that another example was produced before all these, and tested in Israel just prior to Twilight War; the disposition or even existence of these vehicles was never proven.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$415,620	D, G, AvG, A	500 kg	16 tons	3	24	Image Intensification, FLIR, Radar	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
142/100	33/23	520	78	CiH	T2	TF4 TS4 TR4 HF12 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+5/Special	Fair/Special	300Mw Laser, MAG (C)	Special, 2000x7.62mm

Boeing M-22 Laser Generation Vehicle

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is a product of the designers at GDW.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The M-21 LADA was the only operational production laser vehicle produced during the Twilight War. The laser in this vehicle requires a great deal of power for sustained use; the M-22 Laser Generation Vehicle (LGV) was used to generate the power for the M-21's laser. Like the M-21, only about 40 were produced; 10 of them were retained along with M-21s for homeland defense in the US, and about half of the rest were deployed to the Middle East, with 10 being sent to Europe and 5 to Korea. It is also rumored that the system was combat tested in Israel just prior to the Twilight War, though the existence or disposition of this system is not known to this day. The M-22 uses a modified LAV-75 hull; in this hull is installed a large generator instead of the turret and ammunition. The vehicle commander has a hatch on the front right deck with a weapon mount, with the generator operator in the center and the driver to the left.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$49,660	D, G, AvG, A	500 kg	17 tons	3	12	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
142/100	33/23	520	78	Std	T2	HF12 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
None	None	MAG (C)	2000x7.62mm

Boeing XM-12 Laser ADA

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it was made up by the designers at GDW, though I have added some back-story.

Twilight 2000 Notes: As denoted by its designation, the XM-12 was an experimental system produced on a limited basis for the US Army starting in late 1994. Low-rate production ensued for test vehicles, but the dozen prototypes were taken to war in 1996 and acquitted themselves well, even intercepting tactical ballistic missile warheads with good results. The vehicle consists of an early M-1 main battle tank hull topped with a turret mounting a 300 Mw laser on a cherry picker lift. Coupled with the vehicle's advanced fire control system, the result was a very accurate air defense system able to intercept even supersonic aircraft operating at treetop level. The M-1 hull is large enough to house the generator and capacitor in the same hull, without the need for a generator vehicle. A small number of additional XM-12s were built between 1996 and 1998; at least two were sent to Korea, another 6 to Europe, 4 to the Middle East, and two were retained at the Air Defense Artillery School at Fort Bliss in Texas for further testing and development.

The laser in the XM-12 follows special fire rules. A die roll is made to hit; the laser hits on any number except for a 20 if a lock is made first. Making a lock on requires one phase and is an Easy: Electronics or Average: Heavy Gun task. Without this lock-on, hitting with the laser is an Average: Electronics or Difficult: Heavy Gun task at short range. The accuracy of the laser is degraded by two places in light fog, rain, or snow, and three places in heavy fog, rain, or snow; with the lock on, accuracy under these circumstances allows the laser to hit on every die roll except a 18-20 in light precipitation or 13-20 in heavy precipitation. It was discovered that the gunner of the XM-12 could allow the charge to build up in the laser unit for 5 seconds, allowing for a single massive discharge capable of destroying or damaging light vehicles as well as aircraft, causing more damage. Firing the laser in this way causes minor damage to the laser on a roll of 1 on 1D10; if the laser is fired when damaged by this effect, it is destroyed.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$776,600	D, G, AvG, A	700 kg	44 tons	3	36	FLIR, Radar, Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
204/130	48/33	1900	566	CiH	T6	TF6 TS6 TR6 HF150Cp HS24Sp HS16

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+5/Special	Fair/Special	300Mw Laser, M-2HB (C)	Special, 600x.50

GDLS LAV-PIVAD

Country of Origin: Canada

Notes: Though this would seem to be a natural modification of the LAV-25, this vehicle does not seem to actually exist; it may have been studied by the US Marines, but I think it was probably an invention of the designers at GDW. There is a LAV-based antiaircraft vehicle, the LAV-AD, but this is *not* it.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This rare modification of the LAV-25 was an interim antiaircraft vehicle development first used until the LAV-AD was ready. Though designed as an antiaircraft vehicle, the Marines in the Middle East equipped with them soon realized its utility against personnel and light vehicles, and that is how the Marines primarily used them after the LAV-AD arrived on the scene, since the LAV-AD was superior against aircraft. This utility was helped by the fact that, unlike the LAV-AD, the LAV-PIVAD retains its firing ports. Later in the war, US Army light infantry divisions were equipped with them in small numbers, and the Saudi Arabian Army and Qatari National Guard also received a few. The turret of this vehicle is the same as mounted on the M-163 PIVAD vehicle.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$151,982	D, A	400 kg	12.5 tons	3	10	Passive IR, Radar	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
142/56	36/14/4	300	80	Trtd	W(6)	TF6 TS3 TR2 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition

Control			
+1	Fair	20mm Vulcan, MAG (C)	1800x20mm, 750x7.62mm

GDLS M-691 Diana

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; a similar system was studied in the mid-1980s by the US Army, but this particular version of that idea seems to be the product of GDW. I have embellished the story considerably, however.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle was developed on the fly in response to a US Army requirement for a heavily armored, highly survivable self-propelled antiaircraft gun. The system uses a small turret mounting twin Bushmaster autocannons on top of the hulls of retired M-1 Abrams main battle tanks, coupled with a newly-developed LIDAR (Laser Imaging raDAR) system that gives the Diana excellent accuracy. Despite the popularity of the Diana, the system was in somewhat short supply, as it was felt that the older M-1 tanks were needed more to return to service as main battle tanks than to be used to produce new weapon systems.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$377,989	D, G, AvG, A	700 kg	44 tons	3	30	FLIR, Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor	
204/143	48/33	1907	566	Trtd	T6	TF30 TS7 TS6	HF150Cp HS24Sp HS16

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament		Ammunition
+5	Good	2x25mm M-242 Bushmaster Autocannons		500x25mm

GDLS M-757 Blazer

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: Studied intensely for many years, this vehicle was never actually placed into production, though many prototypes were built. (The nomenclature "M-757" is something I made up myself.)

Twilight 2000 Notes: The Blazer is the basic M-2 Bradley chassis fitted out for an antiaircraft role with a triple-barreled 30mm Chaingun system and two quadruple Stinger launchers.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$361,940	D, A	200 kg	29.5 tons	4	26	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensifier	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor	
155/109	36/25/3	662	221	Trtd	T4	TF6 TS4 TR4	HF8 HS4Sp HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament		Ammunition
+2	Good	8xStinger Launchers, 30mm-3 ChainGun, MAG		16xStinger SAMs, 1800x30mm, 1200x7.62mm

GDLS M-759 Blazer

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This was another one of the weapons systems being studied to replace the M-163A1 PIVAD; several prototypes were built, but it was not picked up for duty. (Again, I made up the nomenclature myself.)

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is an M-113A2 or A3 with a Blazer antiaircraft turret installed in the rear. The rear passenger area is taken up with the turret and ammunition and fire control mechanisms. The Blazer installation on the M-113 chassis has one Stinger box, with a radar unit being added instead of the second box. This vehicle was a substitute standard within the US Army (and was mostly employed in National Guard units), and was also found in many countries also using the M-113 series.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$290,882	D, A	200 kg	12.8 tons	4	16	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification, Radar	Shielded



Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
110/77	26/18/3	360	96	Trtd	T2	TF6 TS4 TR4 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Good	4xStinger Launchers, 30mm-3 ChainGun, MAG	12xStinger missiles, 1200x30mm, 1200x7.62mm

GDLS M-924 Bradley ADATS Vehicle

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This is one of those systems developed to utilize the Canadian ADATS system. It was not placed into production. (I made up the nomenclature myself for this one, too, as well as for the M-925 below.)

Twilight 2000 Notes: Starting in 1995 as an experiment, an ADATS system was fitted to an M-2 Bradley chassis. When the Twilight War picked up, some 75 more of these vehicles were ordered for mechanized and armored divisions being posted to the Middle East. These vehicles gave a good accounting of themselves against both aircraft and armored vehicles, and were well liked by their crews, as they offered somewhat more protection than the M-113-based ADATS vehicle. The turret is identical to that fitted to the M-113-based ADATS, with upgraded sensors.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$366,097	D, A	300 kg	29 tons	4	13	FLIR, Image Intensification, Radar	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
157/110	37/26/4	662	221	Trtd	T4	TF5 TS4 TR4 HF8 HS4Sp HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Basic	8xADATS Launchers	16xADATS Missiles

GDLS M-925 Bradley ADATS Vehicle

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This experimental ADATS system was developed mostly as a proof-of-concept vehicle, and never really meant for production.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is a more heavily armed variant of the M-924, with an autocannon and twin machineguns supplementing the ADATS missile system. This enabled it to engage closer-ranged targets as well as personnel. In this vehicle, the ADATS turret is topped with a superstructure containing the autocannon and twin machineguns. This vehicle was considerably more rare than the M-924, being produced for only about a year and a half at a low rate starting in 1996. Most were also sent to the Middle East, but some were retained and took part in the fighting in the American Southwest. Its crews liked the firepower, but the high silhouette made them very vulnerable.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$409,775	D, A	200 kg	31 tons	4	13	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification, Radar	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
150/105	35/25/3	662	221	Trtd	T4	TF5 TS4 TR4 HF8 HS4Sp HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	8xADATS Launchers, 25mm Bushmaster autocannon, 2xM-2HB	12xADATS missiles, 500x25mm, 2000x.50

GDLS M-990 Chamberlain

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is an invention of the designers at GDW. I did, however, christen the fictional vehicle the "Chamberlain," as well as add in some back story.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is a limited production vehicle for use by US Army light divisions. It is a LAV-75 chassis topped with a turret armed with twin 30mm Bushmaster II autocannons, aimed by radar. The turret has a very effective stabilization system that allows the autocannons to fire accurately even when traveling at full speed. This, combined with its speed and agility, made it a hated commodity among the pilots that had to fly against it. The hull has two hatches on the front deck for the driver and gunner, and the commander has a hatch on the turret deck.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$182,350	D, G, AvG, A	500 kg	15 tons	3	24	FLIR, Radar, Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
153/107	36/25	520	106	Trtd	T2	TF10 TS5 TR5 HF12 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	2x30mm Bushmaster II Autocannons, MAG (C)	500x30mm, 1200x7.62mm

GDLS M-1002 Miller AGDS

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: The M-1002 is based on an article by Asher Sharoni and Lawrence Bacon in the Jul-Aug 1996 issue of *Armor* magazine.

Notes: This rare modification of the M-1 Abrams was named for Seaman Dorie Miller, an African-American cook aboard the *USS West Virginia* during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; Miller, despite having no antiaircraft gunnery training, shot down several Japanese aircraft with a deck-mounted M-2HB in the face of withering enemy fire. (It also marks the only time that an Army system was named after a sailor.) The Army felt this was an appropriate name due to Miller's prowess in antiaircraft gunnery as well as his heroism; however, naming an Army system after a Naval hero did generate a firestorm of controversy for a while. AGDS simply stands for "Air-Ground Defense System," noting that the M-1002 was meant to be an effective system for attacking ground targets as well as being an air defense system. The Miller was first proposed in the late 1990s, and put into limited production in 1994; however, when hostilities erupted, it was felt that tanks were needed more than a heavily-armored AAA vehicle, and production was halted in mid-1996, after only 52 Millers were produced. Some 30 M-1002s were assigned to the 24th Infantry Division and went to the Middle East; most of the rest were sent to Europe, except for five that went to the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, and two that were somehow acquired by the Texas Army National Guard's 49th Armored Division and remained in the US. They acquitted themselves quite well in all cases, and half of them survived the Twilight War in a more-or-less intact condition, eventually becoming museum pieces or (in a few unlucky cases) becoming range targets or being stripped.

The hull of the Miller is based on that of the IPM-1 Abrams I chassis. The turret is enlarged and extends almost to the rear end of the chassis, but is also about 50mm shorter in height than that of the M-1; it is, however, a little wider than that of the M-1. The new turret is also heavily armored, though not as much as that of the M-1. Despite the large turret, the interior is still rather cramped, as the turret contains the sophisticated fire control suite, a decent amount of ammunition for its weapons, and its pop-up missile box. The M-1002 has not only antiaircraft fire control and tracking equipment, but equipment for ground engagements as well. Though the M-1002 is equipped with a pair of autocannons, its primary weapon system is considered to be its ADATS missiles. The launchers are contained in a pair of six-round boxes, one of each side of the turret; the front end pops up before launch to a 45-degree angle; inside the turret on each side is a loading door which allows the launcher to be reloaded from under armor. The ADATS system is not only useful against aircraft and helicopters, but can engage the heaviest armored vehicles as well, making the M-1002 quite the threat.

The secondary weapon system of the M-1002 is its pair of 35mm Bushmaster III autocannons. The autocannons can use a small phased-array radar on the right front of the turret or the primary radar, or use a laser rangefinder with an advanced fire control computer. The guns' radar has a range of 10 kilometers against air targets or low-flying aircraft and helicopters, or 5 kilometers against ground targets. The pair of autocannons have the unusual ability to be fired either both together or one at a time; single-gun fire can be done to conserve ammunition, and the dual-feed capability of the Bushmaster III is present on both guns. The autocannons can be elevated up to 90 degrees or depressed up to -5 degrees.

Both weapons systems are linked to a radar tracking/targeting system with a range of 25 kilometers against air targets, 15 kilometers against low-flying aircraft and helicopters, and 10 kilometers against ground targets. The radar has integrated IFF capability. The M-1002 can also link itself via a digital radio link to other friendly air defense radars within 5 kilometers instead of using its own radar, reducing its vulnerability while extending target detection range. M-1002s operating within 5 kilometers of each other can also share their radar information via the same sort of link. (The ADATS missiles themselves are laser-guided, however.) Ground and air targets can also be detected by a high-resolution LLTV system with a range of 9 kilometers or an advanced FLIR seeker with a range of 6 kilometers. Though there is only one radar dish, this dish and its mount are somewhat armored. The radar mount also has the LLTV and FLIR for the ADATS missiles, and is on an extendible mast that can extend the sensors up to 1.5 meters above the turret. The autocannons have their own sensors, fire control computer, and a separate laser rangefinder.

Both the ADATS missiles and autocannons can be firing at the same time, each using their own sensors and fire control suite; note, however, that any ADATS targets must be within 30 degrees on either side of the front of the turret. If necessary, the fire control system of one weapon can be used to guide the other weapon system; however, this cuts the Fire Control modifier to +2.

The ammunition for the autocannons as well as the ADATS missile reloads is kept in separate armored compartments behind blast doors, and have blow-off panels like those of the M-1. The compartments for the autocannon ammunition are on each side of front of the turret, and the blow-off panels blow upwards. The compartment for the ADATS reloads is at the rear of the turret, and again blows off upwards. The ADATS missile boxes also have blow-out panels in case they are hit and the missiles explode. As with the M-1, if an ammunition hit calls for the vehicle to be destroyed, the M-1002 is not destroyed. Instead (in game terms), the ammunition in the compartment is destroyed, the armament, sensors, and electronics each take minor damage, and each member of the crew except the driver takes 30 points of concussion damage. As the ammunition of the M-1002 is contained in three separate armored compartments, an ammunition blow-out in one compartment does not mean that all ammunition on board is destroyed; instead, the compartment hit will depend upon the angle at which the enemy fire is coming from; there is a 33/34/33 chance that an ammunition hit will take out the autocannon ammunition on one side or the missile box on that side or the ADATS missile reloads compartment.

The driver is in his customary position in the hull front, and has the same controls as on the M-1. The turret crew consists of a gunner, who has control over both armament systems and both sets of sensors and fire control systems via LCD screens, and the commander. The commander has a hatch on the turret deck in the center, which is also used by the gunner, and the commander has a pintle-mounted weapon for use against close targets or assaulting infantry. The commander can control the autocannons and use the autocannons' fire control suite and sensors via LCD screens, but his ADATS fire control sights are relatively rudimentary and give only a Fire Control modifier of +3.

The M-1002 uses the same 1500-horsepower AGT-1500 gas turbine engine that the M-1 uses. This is a multi-fuel engine, capable of burning gasoline, diesel, an ethanol/gasoline or diesel mix of up to 20%, JP-4 or JP-8 jet fuel, or kerosene; *in extremis*, the AGT-1500 can also burn pure ethanol or methanol with some modification. It is coupled to an automatic transmission. The driver has a conventional gas and brake pedal, and steers the M-1002 via a T-shaped yoke. The suspension is the same as that of an M-1 and is excellent, giving a good ride on and off roads and contributing to the stabilization of the M-1002's autocannons as well as reducing crew fatigue. The M-1002 is rather heavy, however, which somewhat negates the advantages of the power of the engine. On each side of the turret are a cluster of six smoke/flare grenade launchers. The M-1002 has the same 5.6kW APU as found on the M-1A2 and some M-1A1s, as well as an air conditioner and a heater; the APU uses 11 liters of fuel per hour, and uses fuel from the M-1002's fuel tanks. A small hot plate is tucked into a small space in the left front corner of the turret, as well as a 10-liter water tank. The M-1002 is equipped with a GPS navigation system with a mapping/navigation computer.

The M-1002 was often nicknamed the "Combat Cadillac" by US troops due to the plethora of armament and features it carries.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$2,466,323	D, G, AvG, A	630 kg	63 tons	3	34	Image Intensification (D), Advanced Image Intensification (G, C), Advanced FLIR (G, C), Radar (G, C)	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
152/107	32/23	1911	1255	Trtd	T6	TF60Cp TS24Sp TR15 HF220Cp HS26Sp HR19*

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+5	Good**	2x35mm Bushmaster II Autocannons, 12xADATS Launchers, M-2HB (C)	1100x35mm, 18xADATS Missiles, 600x.50

*The mount and mast for the main radar has an AV of 7; the dish itself has an AV of 3.

**Stabilization for the ADATS missile system is Basic.

IOC Ze'ev MAGS AA

Country of Origin: Israel

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it was invented by Frank Frey of the former GDW.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is an antiaircraft variant of the basic system that mounts two 35mm autocannons in a remote turret and fittings for mounting a hypervelocity rocket pod on each side of the turret.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$264,054	D, A	400 kg	18 tons	3	20	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensifier	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
164/116	41/29	650	179	CiH	T4	TF7 TS7 TR4 HF16 HS12Sp HR6

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	Twin 35mm autocannons, twin LOSAT tubes	600x35mm, 10xLOSAT ADATS missiles

KBP ZSU-30-6

Country of Origin: Russia (Soviet Union)

Notes: Though based on a possible SP AAA system the Soviets were studying in the 1980s, this vehicle does not actually exist in real life. The back story is my invention.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This little-seen antiaircraft vehicle is the result of three goals: the desire to produce an antiaircraft vehicle more effective than the ZSU-23-4, the use of aircraft cannon from attack aircraft grounded due to maintenance issues or damage, and the need to do both quickly and with as little additional expense as possible. The result of this was the ZSU-30-6, basically a modified ZSU 23-4 with slightly better radar and armed with the 30mm AO-17A Gatling gun from aircraft such as the SU-25 and SU-27 series aircraft. The result was a vehicle with similar capabilities to the US M-163 PIVAD, but with a heavier-caliber autocannon. However, aircraft were becoming less common in the skies by the time this vehicle reached volume production, and the autocannon ended up being used more against light armored vehicles, soft-skinned vehicles, and personnel.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$110,796	D, A	800 kg	22 tons	4	18	Radar, Passive IR, Image Intensification	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
111/78	26/18	250	80	Trtd	T3	TF5 TS5 TR4 HF6 HS4 HR3

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Fair	AO-17A 30mm Autocannon	1500x30mm

Krauss-Maffei Leopard 1 ADATS

Country of Origin: Germany

Notes: This is a highly modified Leopard 1 chassis with an elevating arm for a sensor set and a pod containing ADATS missiles. The crew is contained in an elevated superstructure on the right side of the vehicle, each with his own hatch. The pod is automatically reloaded by lowering it to the rear of a set of opening in the hull deck to the rear of the superstructure. The pod may be elevated up to 5 meters above the vehicle. This vehicle was not developed beyond the drawing board phase.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This rather rare vehicle was delivered to the German and Danish armies shortly before the Twilight War, about 30 to Germany, and 5 to Denmark.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$448,355	D, G, AvG, A	500 kg	47.4 tons	3	28	FLIR, Radar	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
126/88	32/22	985	294	CiH	T6	TF4 TS4 TR4 HF38 HS10 HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Basic	8xADATS launchers, MG-3 (C)	16xADATS missiles, 2750x7.62mm

LIW/Reunart G-6 Marksman

Country of Origin: South Africa

Notes: This vehicle was not developed beyond the drawing board/scale model phase.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This experimental South African system was placed into limited production during the Twilight War. It consists of a G-6 self-propelled howitzer chassis topped with the German Marksman turret (the same as on the Gepard and T-55 Marksman). There were a very few of these systems sent to Oman and the United Arab Emirates, but most of them were used by South African forces, more often in a ground support role than an air defense role.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$126,560	D, A	650 kg	40 tons	4	24	Radar, Image Intensification	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
118/46	30/12	700	186	Trtd	W(4)	TF15 TS6 TR6 HF18 HS6 HR5

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Fair	2x35mm KDA autocannons	480x35mm

MaK Wildcat

Country of Origin: Germany

Notes: This was never developed beyond the advanced prototype stage. The turret was also tried on several different chassis, but none of these were ever fielded either.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is a light 6x6 antiaircraft vehicle for the protection of airborne, airmobile, and light divisions. They were welcome additions to those parts of the German Army, but they were rare outside the German ranks (with some serving in the Swiss and Austrian armies, and a very few serving with the British Army). The combination of small size, fast speed, and excellent fire control made them difficult and dangerous targets for enemy pilots to take out, and they were also useful against light armored vehicles, soft-skinned vehicles, and personnel. The driver's position is at the front of the hull, and the commander and gunner have hatches on the turret deck. In 1999, one of these vehicles was captured by the 82nd Airborne Division in Iran, and used by that division; how it got there was a mystery, since the crew of the Wildcat was killed outside of the vehicle before they could be questioned.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$134,596	D, A	300 kg	18.5 tons	3	16	Radar, Passive IR, Image Intensification	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
148/60	37/15	430	105	Trtd	W(4)	TF8 TS6 TR6 HF10 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	2xMauser MK-30, MG-3	500x30mm, 1200x7.62mm

Rheimetal/Giat Dragon

Country of Origin: France/Germany

Notes: This tracked antiaircraft gun is a product of cooperation between France and Germany. It consists of a SABRE turret mounted on a modified TAM light tank chassis. The turret is equipped with a search and tracking radar and twin 30mm HS-831A autocannons. The radar has a range of 15km and can simultaneously search and track. It is capable of searching even for low-altitude or hovering targets. The guns can be radar directed, but optical backup is provided. The driver has a hatch on the front deck, the commander and gunner on the turret deck, and there is a ramp in the rear. This vehicle was not developed beyond several prototypes.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$100,837	D, A	600 kg	31 tons	3	24	Radar, Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
166/116	39/27	550+400	254	Trtd	T4	TF16 HS7 HR7 HF20 HS6 HR5

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	2x30mm HS-831A Autocannons	1500x30mm

Steyr-Daimler-Puch 4K 7FA SPAAG 1/2.20

Country of Origin: Austria

Notes: This is a 4K 7FA KSPz armored personnel carrier with the M-2HB turret removed and a twin 20mm antiaircraft turret mounted in the center of the vehicle. The autocannons are of French design. As of 2006, it is still only a possible production vehicle that has not been officially placed into production.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Stocks of this vehicle were drawn from the few prototypes and even fewer production vehicles made before and during the war.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$54,136	D, A	400 kg	13.4 tons	5	16	Radar, Image Intensification	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
140/98	35/25	360	113	Trtd	T3	TF5 TS5 TR5 HF6 HS4 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+2	Fair	2xGiat M-693 20mm autocannons, MAG (C)	600x20mm, 1600x7.62mm

ZTS Strop

Country of Origin: Czech Republic

Notes: This is a Czech antiaircraft gun/missile system based on the Dana self-propelled artillery gun chassis. It is in fact the Dana with a modified turret to carry twin Russian designed 30mm 2A38M autocannons (the same guns as on the ZSO-30-4) and twin launchers for either SA-7, SA-14, SA-16, or SA-27 missiles. This appears to still be in the testing phase, and may never be adopted due to cost and the existence of the tracked version of the Strop-turreted vehicle.

Twilight 2000 Notes: These systems were only just beginning production before the Twilight War, and few (perhaps 30) were made before the beginning of hostilities.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$241,346	D, A	400 kg	25 tons	3	18	Radar, Passive IR	Enclosed

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
118/46	30/12	690	116	Trtd	W(8)	TF5 TS5 TR5 HF6 HS5 HR4

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Fair	2x30mm autocannons, 2xSA-7, SA-14, SA-16, or SA-27 missile launchers, PKT (C)	2800x30mm, 8xmissile, 1200x7.62mm

Henschel Marder-105

Country of Origin: Germany

Notes: The Marder-105 is the result of an experimental tank destroyer program of the 1980s. They were never actually produced beyond the prototype stage.

Twilight 2000 Notes: When deliveries of the Vextra 105 from France stopped due to the hostilities between the two countries, the Germans were in need of another light vehicle to take the Vextra 105s place. To that end, they mounted a casemated 105mm gun, mounted in a turret with reasonably heavy armor. These vehicles first went into action against Polish troops in late 1997, and gave a good accounting of themselves. Through a combination of good luck and camouflage, the factory producing these vehicles was not destroyed until nearly New Years of 2000, and thus numbers of this vehicle were surprisingly high, surpassing the numbers of Vextra 105s in German service. They gave a good accounting themselves in combat, especially when fighting from hull down positions.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$342,250	D, A	800 kg	29 tons	3	12	Thermal Imaging, Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
133/93	31/23	650	203	CiH	T4	TF11Cp TS7 TR6 HF27 HS12 HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	105mm L-7 gun, MG-3	36x105mm, 2400x7.62mm

Bofors Strv-2000

Country of Origin: Sweden

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life, beyond a wooden full-sized model.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Designed shortly before the war, the Strv-2000 was put into production during the Twilight War since the supply of Leopard 2A5s stopped when Germany decided it needed them more than the money from exports. The vehicle features state of the art night vision, full gun stabilization and fire control, a large caliber gun, and a coaxial cannon for engaging soft targets and lighter AFVs. Normally, only APFSDS or APFSDS-T ammunition was carried for the main gun, since the type of targets normally engaged by HEAT, HE, or WP ammunition would be engaged by the coaxial cannon or machinegun. The Strv-2000 was perhaps the most heavily armed and armored ground vehicle in the world in the Twilight War.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist in the Merc 2000 timeline.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$847,040	D, A	700 kg	56.5 tons	4	18	2 nd Generation Thermal Imaging, Passive IR, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
171/119	35/25	1200	907	Trtd	T6	TF194Cp TS42Sp TR22 HF243Cp HS30Sp HR14

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+5	Good	140mm gun, Bofors L/70, Ksp-39, MAG (C)	38x140mm, 180x40mm, 2400x7.62mm

GDLS M-1A3 Abrams IV

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle grew out of General Dynamics' experimentation with the FMBT (Future Main Battle Tank) concepts, but was never built. I've heard some rumors that there is an upgrade to the M-1A2 that will be designated the M-1A3, but this vehicle is not it.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Also known as the "Giraffe," the Abrams IV is a standard M-1A2 chassis with a greatly modified interior and an unmanned casemate turret mounting with a standard 120mm gun or an L/55 version of the 120mm gun. In either case, the M-1A3 is equipped with all the improvements of the M-1A2SEP, as well as a more powerful engine. This, combined with its lighter weight, give the M-1A3 a leap in mobility over other M-1A2-based designs. Always rare in the Twilight War, with only about 150 of them being built, most of the Giraffes were deployed to divisional cavalry squadrons in the Middle East, though some 30 late production Giraffes were issued to the TXNG's 49th Armored Division, and about 10 showed up in USMC service in Europe (though it is a mystery how the Marines got them, since they were never officially issued to Marine units). The driver's hatch is moved to the front left deck, and the commander's hatch to the front left deck. The gunner uses the commander's hatch.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$758,709	D, G, AvG, A	700 kg	59 tons	3	19	Thermal Imaging, Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
165/116	35/25	1907	1092	CiH	T6	TF132Cp TS43 TR35 HF264Cp HS38Sp HR28

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+5	Good	120mm Rheinmetall or L/55 Gun, MAG, M-2HB (C)	40x120mm, 12400x7.62mm, 1000x.50

GDLS M-1A4 Abrams V

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; in fact, I made it up myself!

Twilight 2000 Notes: This vehicle is a progressive development of the M-1A2SEP, mounting a heavier caliber gun, coaxial cannon in addition to the machinegun for less armored targets, and a commander's weapon mount that can use a variety of weapons. The vehicle is equipped with 2nd generation thermal imaging, a VIDS system, and an IR jammer. Most of these vehicles never made outside of the continental US, though it is estimated that about 10 were deployed to Europe, and another 20 to the Middle East. Most of these vehicles were used against the Mexicans (where most of the combat against them resulted in lopsided slaughters in favor of the US side), and to Alaska and Canada to combat the Russian invasion.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist in the Merc 2000 timeline.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$979,831	D, G, AvG, A	500 kg	62.4 tons	4	19	Passive IR, 2 nd Generation Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor					
159/112	35/25	1907	1099	Trtd	T6	TF211Cp	TS53Sp	TR45	HF264Cp	HS38Sp	HR28

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament				Ammunition	
+5	Good	140mm gun, 30mm Bushmaster II, MAG, MAG (L), M-2HB (C) or BRG-15 (C) or M-214 (C)				69x105mm NATO, 7250x7.62mm, 1100x.50	

General Dynamics M-60-2000

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: Though General Dynamics has been aggressively marketing this hybrid, they have not yet found any buyers.

Twilight 2000 Notes: In the late 1990s, the US Army and Marines were faced with the problem of large amounts of M-60A1 and A3 tanks that were outclassed in performance, especially with deficiencies with its fire control system, and night vision suite. At the same time, it was realized that large amounts of retired M-1 turrets were available when the US Army switched over to the M-1A1 and later models in the starting in the late 1980s, and that the lighter M-60 chassis with its diesel engine were more fuel-economical, and that the chassis of existing M-60 tanks were still quite serviceable. Someone did the math, and discovered that M-60 chassis can be quite easily modified to accept M-1A1 turrets. Starting in 1997, some 250 M-60s were modified to this standard, and type-standardized as the XM-60A5; however, they were more commonly known to their crews as the M-60-2000, or Abrams Junior. Some 75-90 were sent to the European and Middle Eastern Theatres, but most did not make it out of the continental US, and most were sent to Alaska and the Pacific Northwest to fight the Russian invasion, and about 40 were sent to the American Southwest. Most of the hulls were equipped with side skirts, and most also used reactive armor in an attempt to match the superb armor protection of their turrets.

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle program was eventually dropped due to lack of buyers.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$589,902	D, A	600 kg	53.4 tons	4	18	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor					
92/64	21/15	1420	341	Trtd	T6	TF161Cp	TS36Sp	TR30	HF60	HS12Sp	HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament				Ammunition	
+4	Good	105mm M-68 gun, MAG, MAG (L), M-2HB (C)				55x120mm, 11400x7.62mm, 1000x.50	

General Dynamics M-60 Modernization Package

Country of Origin: United States

Notes: This vehicle does not exist beyond some demonstrator models, though General Dynamics still offers the upgrade package.

Twilight 2000 Notes: General Dynamics produced a modernization upgrade package in the years before the Twilight War, and with storm clouds on the horizon, many countries that already used the M-60A3 purchased the package and had their vehicles fitted with it. The upgrade package consists of new armor, a more powerful engine, better transmission, and improved fire control system with ballistic computer, gun stabilization, and safer ammunition storage. Among the customers were certain units of the US Army National Guard, some of who were still using M-60A3s in the front line role; they called the modified M-60A3 the M-60A3E1. Cost of the upgrade kit is only one quarter the basic cost of the complete vehicle. Ammunition storage is similar to the M-1, in that ammunition hits in the turret do not destroy the vehicle; instead, all the ammunition is destroyed and 50 concussion hits are applied to the crew. The Modernized M-60A2 has lugs for reactive armor (HF, TF, TS).

Merc 2000 Notes: This vehicle does not exist.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$554,948	D, A	725 kg	56.3 tons	4	18	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging, WL/IR Searchlight	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor					
128/90	30/21	1420	352	Trtd	T6	TF74Sp	TS25Sp	TR20	HF92Sp	HS18Sp	HR12

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament				Ammunition	
+4	Good	105mm M-68 gun, MAG, MAG (L), M-2HB (C)				35x140mm, 1400x30mm, 5700x7.62N, 1000x.50BMG or 850x15.2BRG or 2300x5.56N	

GIAT AMX-40

Country of Origin: France

Notes: The AMX-40 was designed in the early 1980s to be a follow-on to the AMX-30 and AMX-32, with the export market in mind. As such, it has many common features with AMX-30 and AMX-32. Unfortunately, more and more tanks that could out-do the AMX-40 were becoming available on the world market, as a (real-world) cost comparable to the AMX-40. This disparity worsened as time went by; the AMX-40 found no buyers, and by 1990, GIAT no longer offered the AMX-40.

The AMX-40 has a conventional layout, basically identical to the AMX-32. The turret is large and angular, made for the use of composite and ceramic sandwich armors. The glacis is also designed to use composite armor, and the hull sides have spaced armor skirts. Armament layout is also similar to the AMX-32, with the exception of the use of a 120mm French-designed gun instead of the AMX-32's 105mm main gun. The 20mm coaxial autocannon is retained, as is the commander's cupola with a 7.62mm machinegun. The commander's machinegun is able to be aimed and fired (but not reloaded) from inside a closed cupola. The turret has a large bustle containing 15 rounds of main gun ammunition as well as machinegun and autocannon ammunition. The coaxial autocannon has independent elevation from the main gun. Fire control is essentially the same as the AMX-32, with an advanced (for the time) ballistic computer, laser rangefinder, monitors for the gunner and commander, and a CITS for the commander with his own vision devices and laser rangefinder. An NBC overpressure system is fitted, along with an automatic fire detection and extinguishing system. On each side of the turret is a cluster of six smoke grenade launchers.

The engine of the AMX-40 was a Poyand V12X supercharged 1100-horsepower diesel, with an upgraded transmission to match. (The best feature of the AMX-40 was its speed and agility.) The suspension is also beefed up over that of the AMX-32, to handle rough terrain as well as aid in stabilizing the main gun for fire on the move and fighting crew fatigue.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The AMX-40 was in fact mass-produced in the Twilight 2000 timeline – not just for export (it formed part of Spain's tank force), but to equip the French Foreign Legion as their primary main battle tank. They were sent to the Middle East with the Foreign Legion, with the Leclercs being retained for European use.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$655,274	D, A	750 kg	43.7 tons	4	24	Passive IR (D), Image Intensification (G, C), Thermal Imaging (G, C)	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
156/109	36/29	1100	546	Trtd	T6	TF102Cp TS42Sp TR29 HF128Cp HS30Sp HR18

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	120mm GIAT gun, 20mm GIAT 20mm M-621 autocannon, AAT-F1 (C)	38x120mm, 578x20mm, 2170x7.62mm

KADDB Tariq 2

Country of Origin: Jordan

Notes: This is a Tariq retrofitted with a kit provided by the US firm Cadillac Gage. The kit converts the Tariq into a low-profile tank with a casemated main gun. The gun has an autoloader and the number of crew is reduced. The crew rides in the hull. The gun is a new Rheinmetall gun. The vehicle is much lighter, has a lower profile, and better performance. The lugs for reactive armor on the hull are retained (HF, HS). As of 2006, this is still an experimental project, hampered by a lack of funding and any real need for the tank by the Jordanian armed forces.

Twilight 2000 Notes: About 75 of these modifications were carried out before the Twilight War.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$411,724	D, A	550 kg	48 tons	3	17	Passive IR	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
92/64	21/16	1037	207	CiH	T6	TF45 TS34 TR22 HF60 HS13 HR8

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+3	Good	105mm M-68 Gun, MAG	64x105mm, 4750x7.62mm

Krauss-Maffei Leopard 3

Country of Origin: Germany

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is a product of the imagination of the designers at GDW.

Twilight 2000 Story: This version of the Leopard 2 was developed at the same time as a number of experimentations with casemated turrets; the same experiments in NATO led to vehicles such as the M-1 Hawk and M-1A3 Abrams IV "Giraffe," and similar experiments in Russia led to the T-94, T-95, and the Kliver turret. The Leopard 3's built (about 65 in all) entered service

with the 1st and 10th Panzer Divisions as early as 1993, at first with scout elements, then in regular tank battalions. They acquitted themselves well in battle, especially when fighting from hull-down positions, but their lack of numbers meant that any losses hurt, and by 2000, they were a bit scarce. The Leopard 3 has three hatches for the driver, gunner, and commander, all on the front deck.

Merc 2000 Story: This vehicle does not exist in the Merc 2000 timeline.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$675,028	D, G, A	500 kg	51.6 tons	3	17	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
181/127	40/25	1200	720	CiH	T6	TF128Cp TS52 TR32 HF213Cp HS26Cp HR16

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+5	Good	120mm Rheinmetall Gun, MG-3 (C)	38x120mm, 4750x7.62mm

LIW/Reunart Tank Technology Demonstrator

Country of Origin: South Africa

Notes: The Tank Technology Demonstrator is basically a tank awaiting funds. Most of the design work has been completed, but SANDF simply doesn't have the money to produce or acquire any new tanks.

Twilight 2000 Notes: Though this South African tank entered series production as the Twilight War picked up, the experimental name stuck (though normally abbreviated to simply the "Tech;" it never received any official designation from the SANDF). The TTD was meant to provide a match for the T-72 tanks that more and more of its neighbors were receiving from the Russians. To this end, an advanced vehicle was designed incorporating composite armor and advanced targeting systems, as well as the ability to use reactive armor. Three versions were designed (in increasing rarity), one armed with a 105mm gun, a 120mm gun, and a 140mm gun. The 140mm-armed version is very rare, perhaps 5 of the total being built with this gun. The TTD features a laser warning system that automatically launches smoke grenades in the path of an incoming laser. Ammunition storage areas feature blow-off panels that protect the crew from an ammunition explosion, and if an ammunition explosion occurs, the vehicle is not destroyed and the crew is not killed, but each member of the crew receives 50 concussion hits.

Merc 2000 Notes: This program has been shelved indefinitely; the South Africans have instead acquired Sabra tanks from Israel, along with a few Merkava Mk 1s.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
TTD/105	\$877,919	D, A	700 kg	56.5 tons	4	20	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded
TTD/120	\$879,855	D, A	700 kg	58.3 tons	4	20	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded
TTD/140	\$935,218	D, A	700 kg	60.6 tons	4	21	Passive IR, Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
TTD/105	143/100	30/20	1600	741	Trtd	T6	TF115Cp TS34Sp TR21 HF144Cp HS24Sp HR13
TTD/120	141/99	30/20	1600	741	Trtd	T6	TF115Cp TS34Sp TR21 HF144Cp HS24Sp HR13
TTD/140	139/98	30/20	1600	741	Trtd	T6	TF115Cp TS34Sp TR21 HF144Cp HS24Sp HR13

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
TTD/105	+4	Good	105mm Gun, MG-4, MG-4 (C)	54x105mm, 2000x7.62mm
TTD/120	+4	Good	120mm Gun, MG-4, MG-4 (C)	48x120mm, 2000x7.62mm
TTD/140	+4	Good	140mm Gun, MG-4, MG-4 (C)	40x140mm, 2000x7.62mm

Merkava Mk 5

Country of Origin: Israel

Notes: I have used this designation for an experimental idea for an upgunned Merkava Mk 3. As far as I know, no prototypes of this form of the Merkava have actually been built, but considerable computer studies have been done.

Twilight 2000 Notes: This is a greatly-upgraded Mk 3, with additional armor, a more powerful engine, and larger hull. The turret controls are all-electrical. The loader's hatch in the turret is eliminated, leaving only the commander's hatch. The main gun

is an L/55 model similar to those being fielded for the Leopard 2A6. The fire control system is the most advanced available and is capable of tracking even slow-moving aircraft and helicopters. The rear of the hull has a camera to assist the driver in backing the tank. Belly armor is increased along with the rest of the armor. The Merkava Mk 4 is equipped with a countermeasure system similar to that of the Shtora-1 of Russian tanks; when an incoming round is detected, a small missile is fired into the path of the incoming round to intercept it. This system has 10 such missiles, and they are 25% likely to intercept an incoming main gun round, or 75% likely to intercept an incoming ATGM or rocket launcher round. The ability to carry passengers is retained; up to 8 may be carried by removing 9 rounds of main gun ammunition per passenger.

Merc 2000 Notes: Budget problems have delayed deployment until at least 2007.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$988,582	D, A	700 kg	65 tons	4	22	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor		
184/129	40/30	1400	584	Trtd	T6	TF190Cp	TS42Sp	TR27 HF237Cp HS30Sp HR17

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+5	Good	140mm gun, MAG, MAG (C), MAG (L), 60mm C-06 Mortar	84x120mm, 10000x7.62mm, 30x60mm

Omsk Transmash Obyekt 640 Chyorny Oryol (Black Eagle)

Country of Origin: Russia

Notes: Obyekt 640, more commonly known by the Western translation of its name, "Black Eagle," is a tank with a little mystery behind it. It's could be an advanced prototype, a testbed for other tank technologies, a one-time replacement for the T-80 and T-90, or a tank design that failed for technological or budget problems. It does not, however, appear to be an active design, or something that is going to go into production at this time or in the near future, and its design bureau, Omsk Transmash, declared bankruptcy in 2002 and still in bankruptcy management. The designs and the prototypes have been sold to KBTM, who build the T-90 series and are developing a new tank for the future.

The roots of the Black Eagle go back to the late 1980s as a stretched version of the T-80U with a new turret. Supposedly, the design got even more impetus after Desert Storm in 1991, when the Russians were shocked by the effectiveness of the US Abrams and British Challenger tanks. A supposed prototype was demonstrated at the VTTV Arms Exposition in Omsk in 1997; however the prototype made only one pass for the viewers, and this was a long way from the reviewing stands. The turret was covered by several layers of camouflage netting that effectively obscured the details of the turret and the Black Eagle was moving fast. The prototype looked like a standard T-80-type hull with a new turret that had a large bustle and a large gun that some reviewers estimated might be as large as 152mm in caliber. However, this vehicle was instead a T-80 hull with a crude mocked-up turret, one that could traverse the "turret" about 45 degrees in one direction or the other; the "gun" was likewise a fake.

Another prototype was shown at an arms exposition in Siberia (one that had limited attendance) in mid-1999. This one did indeed have a stretched T-80U hull with seven roadwheels instead of six, but the turret was still covered with camouflage netting (not quite as thick this time, but it was obscuration enough). The gun was also 125mm, but the barrel was longer than the standard 2A46 gun and had a thick thermal sleeve. A few other views here and there (including some with no netting on the turret) since then have revealed the shape of the turret; it has heavy, sloped frontal armor and a large turret bustle, and is mostly squared-off in shape instead of being the dome shape that is traditional for Soviet and Russian-built tanks. The commander's and loader's hatches are widely-spaced, to allow room for the autoloader and the bustle-carried ammunition. Some technical details are also now known, enough to stat it for *Twilight 2000* game use.

The Black Eagle is a radical departure from traditional Russian/Soviet tank design; notes about the shape of the turret are in the preceding paragraph. The turret shape also allows for the mounting of main guns of up to 152mm without major modifications to the turret or autoloader. The hull lengthening appear to have been done partially to allow for more glacis sloping and armor, and to allow the driver's position to be moved back so the hatch and his vision blocks are not part of the glacis. The engine power has been described in horsepower from 1250-1800 horsepower; most seem to settle on 1400 or 1500 horsepower, and I have used 1500 horsepower for the stats below. The engine has been described as either diesel or multi-fuel; I have used diesel below, as the Russians do not seem to use many multi-fuel engines in practice. The transmission is said to be fully automatic, and the engine and transmission have electronic controls and "helpers" like many modern Western designs. An APU is sometimes said to be a part of the design, with 1-5kW in range; I have used 2kW below. The elongated hull may also allow for additional fuel capacity over the T-80 series; the Black Eagle has not yet been seen with extra fuel tanks at the rear.

Armor protection is heavy, especially in the frontal arc; composite armor in the frontal arc is certain, with a spaced laminate armor sandwich-type armor on the sides. There are lugs for ERA on the turret front, turret sides, hull front, and hull sides; this ERA is normally the new Kaktus 3rd-generation version. Another feature is the Arena active protection system. The Black Eagle has thick side skirts which are probably also of spaced laminate armor. Each crewmember is in his own compartment in the tank and separated by bulkheads from each other, limited collateral casualties.

At present, the main armament of the newest prototypes of the Black eagle appears to be a version of the standard 2A46M with

a longer barrel length and a thermal sleeve (I have used L/60 for the stats below). Other gun sizes have been discussed with respect to the Black Eagle, including 135mm and 152mm guns; I have included such armament below as a point of conjecture. The Black Eagle has not been seen with a commander's machinegun as of yet, but it is probable that one would be provided that could be aimed and fired (and possibly reloaded) from within the turret. The coaxial is likely to be the standard Russian PKT machinegun. Smoke grenade launchers have also not yet been seen on the Black Eagle, but it is likely that some would be mounted; I have allowed in the stats a cluster of five on each side. The main gun is fed by an autoloader like the typical modern Russian tank, but it is a very different system. Currently, Russian autoloaders use a carousel system, with the ammunition in the floor of the turret; the Black Eagle uses an autoloader in the center of the turret in a tunnel, fed by ammunition in the large bustle, and controlled by the gunner through the use of a computer to select the ammunition type, fuzing, and charges. The bustle itself holds 30 rounds of 125mm ammunition (or 28 135mm rounds, or 25 152mm rounds) and has blow-out panels *a la* the M-1 Abrams to protect the crew from an ammunition explosion. The remaining rounds and any ATGM rounds are carried in armored bins in the floor of the turret and in the hull. The new autoloader and ammunition arrangement means that the overall height of the Black Eagle could be reduced by almost half a meter.

Like many modern tanks, the Black Eagle is to be fitted with a Battlefield Management System, which plots positions of friendly and enemy units, logistics points, and sends and receives new orders and information on a continuous basis. A laser/IR/radar warning system is also provided.

The Black Eagle may never materialize as a production vehicle, but it does show that at least some designers are thinking about more modern designs.

Vehicle	Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
Black Eagle 1	\$955,846	D, A	500 kg	50.5 tons	3	24	Thermal Imaging (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
Black Eagle 2	\$944,020	D, A	500 kg	50.3 tons	3	24	Thermal Imaging (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded
Black Eagle 3	\$956,542	D, A	500 kg	50.5 tons	3	24	Thermal Imaging (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded

Vehicle	Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
Black Eagle 1/3	168/118	33/27	1300	691	Trtd	T6	TF171Cp TS42Sp TR32 HF214Cp HS30Sp HR20
Black Eagle 2	169/119	33/27	1300	688	Trtd	T6	TF171Cp TS42Sp TR32 HF214Cp HS30Sp HR20

Vehicle	Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
Black Eagle 1	+5	Good	125mm L/60gun, PKT, NSVT (C)	43x125mm, 5xATGM, 3750x7.62mm, 1000x12.7mm
Black Eagle 2	+5	Good	135mm gun, PKT, NSVT (C)	40x135mm, 3750x7.62mm, 1000x12.7mm
Black Eagle 3	+5	Good	152mm gun, PKT, NSVT (C)	35x152mm, 3750x7.62mm, 1000x12.7mm

TM-810

Country of Origin: Romania

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is a product of the *Twilight 2000* designers at GDW. (It is seen in *Twilight 2000* publications as the "M-81," but I felt that the designation "TM-810" is closer to a real Romanian designation.)

Twilight 2000 Notes: Originally an experimental modification of the TM-800, the TM-810 was placed into production in earnest after Romania switched sides to NATO, and needed a tank to combat some of the more advanced Russian and Eastern European designs. It is essentially a TM-800 chassis topped with a larger turret to house a 120mm Rheinmetall gun. Though primarily issued to Romanian troops later in the war, about three dozen of these tanks were acquired by US tankers operating in Yugoslavia and southern Romania, and the Americans using the TM-810 were generally pleased with its performance, though not as much as they liked Western tanks.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$479,256	D, A	450 kg	45.5 tons	4	14	Thermal Imaging, Image Intensification, WL/IR Searchlight	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor

126/88	25/20	1100+380	485	Trtd	T6	TF64Cp	TS25	TR16	HF80Cp	HS18Sp	HR10
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Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	120mm Gun, PKT, NSVT (C)	40x120mm, 3500x7.62mm, 500x12.7mm

Uralvagonzavod T-94

Country of Origin: Russia (Soviet Union)

Notes: This vehicle does not exist in real life; it is based on a rumored design for "the next Soviet main battle tank," rumors that started appearing in the late 1970s and persisted until the early 1990s. This tank is the one originally listed in *Twilight:2000* as "T-90;" I have altered the designation to take into account the appearance of the real T-90, early versions of which would have made an appearance in the Twilight War.

During the Cold War, it seems that there was always talk about the "next Soviet battle tank" and the amazing and powerful features it had and how un-killable it was. This was often due to incomplete information and lack of intelligence about the Soviet's tanks (and military technology in general) and sometimes disinformation put out by the Soviets themselves. It was also caused by the tendency during most of the Cold War for Western analysts to overestimate the Soviets' military technology. The Western governments during the Cold War also would often deliberately put out overestimates of Soviet technology to spur on military technology that was even better than those overestimates, and to justify high defense expenditures. (And every so often, the Soviets *did* actually come up with something that was better than the West had.) For the most part, however, Soviet military technology, and the amount of effective forces they had, lagged behind intelligence estimates, and Soviet capabilities were usually much less than Western governments publicly stated.

One of the big buzzwords in the West was about the "Future Soviet Tank" that began circulating in the late 1970s, and intensified in the early 1980s. The designers of the *Twilight 2000* game used some of these reports to devise a fictional Soviet tank called the T-90. Since it is now known that the T-90 is indeed a real tank (though nothing like GDW's T-90), I have decided to re-christen it the "T-94." The T-94 uses a long, low hull, topped by a low, casemated turret that houses little more than the main gun, the heads of its sights, and part of the autoloader.

The T-94's crew all sit in the hull, with the driver in front left of the hull, behind the long, sloped glacis; the commander is on the right side, and the gunner slightly behind those two and in the center. Due to the design, the commander has no machinegun, though there is a small hatch on the turret roof surrounded by vision blocks that can be used by the commander or gunner if necessary for observation. The vision blocks of this hatch, however, does not have the night vision equipment that the commander's or gunner's station has. The driver has vision blocks in an arc from 30 degrees right to 100 degrees left, and the two center blocks are night vision-capable. The driver can also use a TV camera in the rear of the hull when backing up.

The primary armament of the T-94 is a modified form of the gun used by the T-80, called the 2A46-3, with the differences merely being those required for the gun and autoloader to fit inside the T-94's turret. The main gun can fire conventional ammunition as well as the 9M119 Refleks (AT-11 Sniper) laser-guided ATGM. The downside of the T-94's turret design is that the T-94's gun and coaxial machinegun is capable of almost no depression – it can manage only -1.5 degrees, but this was deemed acceptable due to the T-94's low silhouette when hull-down. (The T-94's lack of depression for its main gun was also the reason that the Soviets did not use the T-94 in mountainous regions.) The autoloader can handle any sort of ammunition the T-94 is able to fire, including the Refleks ATGM, and all main gun ammunition on the T-94 is essentially in the autoloader. The coaxial machinegun's ammunition is contained in a single container in a continuous-feed belt. The expended stub of the main gun ammunition is ejected through a small hatch on the right hull side, as is the boot-type adapter for the Refleks ATGM. The T-94's fire control system is almost unbelievable by Soviet standards, including a laser designator, a ballistic computer almost up to Western standards, excellent gun stabilization, advanced night vision and amplified day vision – and all successfully downlinked by fiberoptic cabling to LCD screens in front of the gunner and commander. The heads for these sights are on the roof of the turret, inside of armored housings, one each for the commander and gunner. The T-94 also has backup sights and vision devices in front of their positions in the hull that allow for reduced vision and fire control; the commander and gunner can also go to an auxiliary, very cramped gun control position in the turret below the aforementioned hatch as a backup. If the backup sights in the hull are used, the gunner and commander will only be able to fire the main gun and coaxial in a 30-degree arc in front of the T-94, simply because those sights cannot see in a wider arc; unfortunately, the auxiliary gunner position in the turret is quite difficult to reach from inside of the T-94, virtually requiring that the crewmember be a contortionist.

The armor suite for the T-94 is advanced, somewhere in sophistication between that of the T-80 and T-90. The glacis is very elongated and highly-sloped, causing many a shot by enemy weapons to bounce off. The turret is small, round, and low, not presenting much of a target. This small turret, however, has a surprising amount of protection. Atop the turret is mounted the Shtora-1 "soft-kill" active protection system. The Shtora-1 consists of sensors and equipment mounted atop the turret and control systems mounted inside the turret and hull; the primary controls for the Shtora-1 on the T-94 are at the commander's station. The Shtora-1 system includes an electro-optical jamming system to jam wire-guided ATGMs (on a roll of 12+ on a d20, the difficulty to the ATGM gunner is increased by one level; outstanding success indicates that the incoming missile pre-detonates before it can hit the T-94). A laser warning system is also included with the Shtora-1; when the T-94 is being lased by a laser designator, an alarm sounds inside the T-94, and a pair of smoke grenades are automatically launched to help obscure the T-94 to the laser beam. The laser warning system can also be triggered manually by the commander. The smoke grenades can also be triggered by the gunner manually if he feels it is necessary; the T-94 has six smoke grenade launchers on each side of the turret. The

Shtora-1 also includes a pair of IRCM lights (one on the turret on each side of and above the main gun) that emit coded, pulsed IR beams to decoy IR-guided munitions; their effectiveness is the same as listed for the electro-optical jammer above, and both have a 360-degree range of protection, as well as 180-degrees upwards. They can also temporarily blind IR sights and image intensifiers; this is successful on a roll of 8 on a d20 for IR sights and 5 for image intensifiers. A computer is provided to tie all of this information from the Shtora-1 and other sensors together. The T-94 also has lugs for 2nd-generation Kontakt-2 ERA on the glacis and hull sides (the lugs and ERA blocks do not fit on the small turret). The T-94 is already outfitted to function as a command tank, as it comes standard with a 1kW APU and an extra medium and long-range radio; the T-94 also has a small fire-direction computer to help plot artillery, mortar, and air strikes, and is equipped with an inertial navigation system and a mapping system.

The T-94 uses a gas turbine engine that is much more reliable than that of the T-80, though it unfortunately still uses a lot of fuel. The engine and suspension of the T-94 make for a fast and agile tank, and combined with the low silhouette, make the T-94 a difficult target. The SG-1050 engine develops 1500 horsepower, and can burn diesel (meant to be the primary fuel), gasoline, jet fuel, benzene, and kerosene. Due to the fuel consumption, the T-94 has the same auxiliary fuel tank capability found on most Soviet tanks since World War 2.

Like almost all Soviet tanks, the crew accommodations of the T-94 are cramped and best-suited for small soldiers. The crew has an NBC overpressure system available with a collective NBC backup. On the turret roof there is a radiac meter along with an optical chemical sniffer to warn the crew of radiation and chemical weapon threats. Radiation protection on the T-94 is similar to that of the T-80, and is almost total proof against radiation hazards, including a neutron bomb detonation within 300 meters.

Numbers of the T-94 were never high, with only about 60 being built. The T-94 was first encountered by scout elements of the 6th Ranger Battalion in the Ukraine in 1996, and was not often seen out side of the Soviet Union, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$888,935	D, G, AvG, A	500 kg	51.3 tons	3	21	Thermal Imaging (G, C), Image Intensification (G, C), Passive IR (D)	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor*
162/114	41/26	1200+740	726	CiH	T6	TF100Cp TS40Sp TR30 HF200Cp HS23Sp HR16

Fire Control**	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition
+4	Good	125mm 2A46-3 Gun, PKT	34x125mm, 6xAT-11 ATGM, 3500x7.62mm

*Armor for the hull floor and hull deck is 12; armor for the turret deck is 12Sp.

**If the auxiliary gun controls at the gunner's or commander's station are used, the Fire Control modifier is only +1.

Uralvagonzavod T-95

Country of Origin: Russia (Soviet Union)

Notes: There is possibly a real a T-95, but details of it have not yet been released, nor have pictures. (The Black Eagle and the real T-95 may in fact be the same vehicle.) At any rate, *this* is not the real-life T-95.

Twilight 2000 Notes: The T-95 tank was begun as a program to design an improved T-80/T-90 tank that would standardize the manufacturing plants, which were producing two different models. The design borrows from the T-80 MBT for its chassis; designs seen in combat were based on the T-80UM (which is equipped with Explosive Reactive Armor (ERA), a more powerful engine, better computerized fire control system, and thermal imaging systems and sights). The major difference is the addition of an automatic loading, low-profile turret that is armed with a 135mm smoothbore cannon, and is NBC-sealed.

The T-95 has been fitted with an experimental model of the T-90s Shtora-1 Countermeasure system. It is designed to detect the presence of an enemy laser beam (used for targeting); upon detection of a laser beam, it immediately launches a series of smoke charges to obscure the beam.

The T-95 was first seen in late 1994 by spy satellites of the National Reconnaissance Office, and was first seen in combat in the summer of 1997 by elements of the US 43rd Infantry Division. It is known to be capable of using the AT-11 Reflects missiles of the T-90, in addition to its normal ammunition, and a special 135mm Thermobaric (fuel-air explosive) round that was designed to be used against light armored vehicles in convoys. The T-95 has picked up the nickname of "Dragon" from NATO troops, due to its ability to cripple and kill foreign-made tank designs.

Price	Fuel Type	Load	Veh Wt	Crew	Mnt	Night Vision	Radiological
\$491,803	D, G, AvG, A	500 kg	49 tons	3	17	WL/IR Searchlight, Thermal Imaging	Shielded

Tr Mov	Com Mov	Fuel Cap	Fuel Cons	Config	Susp	Armor
190/133	40/30	1200+400	844	CiH	T6	TF145Cp TS36 TR24 HF182Cp HS18Sp HR12

Fire Control	Stabilization	Armament	Ammunition

+4	Good	135mm gun, PKT, NSVT (C)	38x135mm, 5xAT-11 ATGM, 1250x7.62mm, 300x12.7mm
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